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# Strange murder case ends close to where it all began

By LINDA DEUTSCH
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A strange cold case murder story that stretched halfway around the globe and back over a span of nearly 30 years ended this weekend a few blocks from where it began, with the shocking suicide of Japanese businessman Kazuyoshi Miura in a downtown jail cell.

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Los Angeles General Consul of Japan Masaru Dekiba talks with reporters after a press conference by Los Angeles Police Department announcing the death of Japanese businessman Kazuyoshi Miura in Los Angeles on Sat., Oct. 11, 2008.

## Miura lawyers shocked over his death

DOC official says Miura was a good inmate

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Kazuyoshi Miura's lawyers on Saipan—William Fitzgerald, Bruce Berline and Mark Hanson—were shocked and saddened upon learning Saturday night Miura's reported suicide

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**RUSSIAN SUPERMODELS** RAY BELGADO

Anna Gladchenko, right, an 18-year old university student majoring in transportation studies, tops the first ever Russian Far East Supermodel Pageant, held at the Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort on Saturday night. She is shown here posing with second runner-up Tamara Jukova, left, and Darling of the Crowd winner Olga Chichulina. ***See story on Page 6.***

## Local officers pulled out from joint DEA task force

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial sought Friday to calm local companies that bring Chinese tourists into the Northern Marianas af-

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## All that money you've lost—where did it go?

By ERIC CARVIN
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**NEW YORK** (AP)—Trillions in stock market value—gone. Trillions in retirement savings—gone. A huge chunk of the money you paid for your house, the money you're saving for college, the money your boss needs to make payroll—

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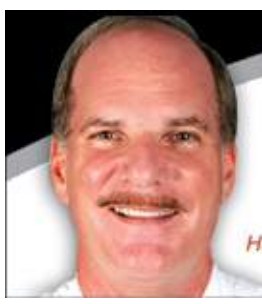


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# Local

An airport personnel walks down the tunnel aircraft passenger bridge from a Northwest, Airlines before the aircraft's departure at Tokyo's Narita Airport.
JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

## After one year, CNMI tourism is on plateau

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Tourism in the CNMI appears to have hit a plateau since last year, with the region seeing statistically insignificant gains in visitor arrivals, according to a recently released report by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

In spite of efforts by local officials to boost airline flight services to the CNMI and advertise the islands as a tourist destination overseas, only 474 more travelers came to Saipan in the MVA's fiscal year 2008, which ended in September, than in the previous year.

Tenorio

These findings suggest that the local tourism industry's gradual recovery after major losses several years ago could take far longer than many had hoped. The MVA has long attributed the slow progress in rebuilding the tourism market to factors like, among other issues, high airline ticket prices linked to rising fuel costs and economic turmoil in Asia. Threats of a global recession arising from the financial crisis in the United States is also feeding fears of a domino effect on tourism and travel.

"The threat of a global recession, coupled with higher air fares and the increase in fuel surcharges is of great concern to the MVA," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "Although it is still too early to predict the impact of these factors on the travel industry, these forces are beyond our control and could severely impact outbound travel demand from our primary and emerging source markets to the CNMI."

Tinian's tourism market is facing harder times than Saipan's. Throughout FY 2008, the island saw only three months of increased visitor arrivals, which fell 13 percent for the year. This decline included a 50-percent drop in tourism on the island last month, down by 1,782 to 1,769.

In contrast, Rota's tourism sector is showing signs of recovery. The island saw a 10-percent jump in tourism for the year, including gains of 32 percent in April, 43 percent in July and 50 percent in August.

Meanwhile, the demographics of the CNMI's tourism market for September showed marked gains in visitor arrivals among 20-something travelers compared to the same month last year.

In the 20-to-24 age group, visitor arrivals rose 31 percent. Travelers in the 25–29 age range showed an arrival increase of 15 percent. The CNMI also saw a significant jump in the 45- to 49-year-old demographic's arrival rate, which was up more than 14 percent for the month. The 50- to 54-year-old age group's arrivals were up by 10 percent.

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# Man gets 90 days for marriage fraud conspiracy

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The Superior Court has ordered a man to spend 90 days in prison for soliciting and conspiring with other persons to commit marriage fraud.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Minto Minto to the maximum term of one year in prison, all suspended except for 90 days, for conspiring with others to commit marriage fraud. For the solicitation charge, the judge sentenced Minto to the maximum term of one year, all suspended except for 90 days.

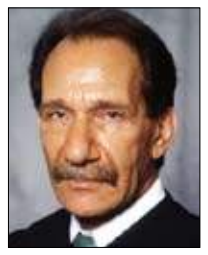
The two sentences shall run concurrently; this means the total prison term for both offenses is 90 days imprisonment.

Following the plea agreement, Wiseman gave the defendant credit for 27 days that he has already served in jail.

Minto was ordered to start serving his prison term at the Department of Corrections on Oct. 22, 2008, at 8am. He will be released on Jan. 20, 2009, at 8am.

Wiseman said he is hoping that the sentence "will serve as a deterrent to Minto and to others, as well as serving the retribution that society demands."

After completing the prison term, Minto will be placed on five years of supervised release.


Wiseman

He was also required to pay a $1,000 fine, $100 in court assessment fee plus probation fee, and to perform 100 hours of community service.

Minto, Maria Aurelio Ray, and MD. Saiful Islam were charged with one count of conspiracy to commit marriage fraud and one count of solicitation.

In addition, Minto, Ray, and Munnaf Miah were charged with one count of conspiracy to commit marriage fraud and one count of solicitation.

On Aug. 13, the jury found Minto guilty of conspiracy to commit marriage fraud and solicitation.

In May, the jury found Ray guilty of two counts of conspiracy to commit marriage fraud, but acquitted her of two counts of solicitation.

Last July, the jury found Miah guilty of solicitation and not guilty of conspiracy to commit marriage fraud.

The jury trial for Islam was set for July 21, 2008, but *Saipan Tribune* learned that the trial did not push through as the defendant has already fled to Bangladesh.

According to the charging information, on March 2007 Ray, Islam, and Minto unlawfully agreed that Islam would marry Alisilynn Mallens for the sole purpose of obtaining a labor or immigration benefit.

In March 2007, Ray, Miah, and Minto allegedly conspired that Miah would marry Severene Kosam for the purpose of obtaining a labor or immigration benefit.

In March 2007, Ray, Islam and Minto allegedly encouraged Kosam and Mallens to arrange the marriage of Islam and Mallens.

In the same period, Ray, Miah, and Minto allegedly encouraged Kosam to marry Miah.

# Muña wants lawmakers on the same page in privatization plan

By AGNES E. DONATO
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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. plans to talk with the Legislature about a just-passed law calling for the sale of the CNMI's power system.

CUC executive director Antonio Muña on Friday said the utility wants to meet with lawmakers before moving forward with the privatization law, which requires CUC to issue a bid for the sale of the power system for at least $250 million.

Muna

"We need to go back to the table with the Legislature to get a clearer understanding of how they want to approach this process. We do have questions as to whether this is a realistic situation [they have put us into]," said Muña.

At the center of CUC's concerns are the methodology by which the legislation requires the privatization to be done, and the $250 million price tag for the power system.

"Once we start this [privatization] process, we don't want to have it stopped. So we really got to think this through from beginning to end. We want to make sure we're on the same page," said Muña.

The Legislature passed the privatization law over the governor's objections. Under the bill, CUC must privatize its power system through a bidding process, as opposed to a "request for proposals." The legislation also provides an arbitrarily set price tag of $250 million that prospective private sector buyers must pay in order to acquire CUC. Further, it gives CUC the power to settle disputes with the Commonwealth Development Authority by issuing $45 million in preferred stock.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial had vetoed the bill, saying it could lead to higher utility rates. Any company that ends up buying CUC, he said, would try to recover the $250 million and other purchase costs by passing them on to utility consumers.

But proponents of the measure maintain that the legislation is urgently needed to avert an emergency declaration by the governor that would result in another sole source privatization contract. They also tout the prohibition of "requests for proposals" in the procurement process as one of the law's strengths. They note that a bidding process will prevent protests that hampered previous privatization efforts.

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## ALL THAT

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gone, gone, gone.

Whether you're a stock broker or Joe Six-pack, if you have a 401(k), a mutual fund or a college savings plan, tumbling stock markets and sagging home prices mean you've lost a whole lot of the money that was right there on your account statements just a few months ago.

But if you no longer have that money, who does? The fat cats on Wall Street? Some oil baron in Saudi Arabia? The government of China?

Or is it just—gone?

If you're looking to track down your missing money—figure out who has it now, maybe ask to have it back—you might be disappointed to learn that is was never really money in the first place.

Robert Shiller, an economist at Yale, puts it bluntly: The notion that you lose a pile of money whenever the stock market tanks is a "fallacy." He says the price of a stock has never been the same thing as money—it's simply the "best guess" of what the stock is worth.

"It's in people's minds," Shiller explains. "We're just recording a measure of what people think the stock market is worth. What the people who are willing to trade today—who are very, very few people—are actually trading at. So we're just extrapolating that and thinking, well, maybe that's what everyone thinks it's worth."

Shiller uses the example of an appraiser who values a house at $350,000, a week after saying it was worth $400,000.

"In a sense, $50,000 just disappeared when he said that," he said. "But it's all in the mind."

Though something, of course, is disappearing as markets and real estate values tumble. Even if a share of stock you own isn't a wad of bills in your wallet, even if the value of your home isn't something you can redeem at will, surely you can lose potential money—that is, the money that would be yours to spend if you sold your house or emptied out your mutual funds right now.

And if you're a few months away from retirement, or hoping to sell your house and buy a smaller one to help pay for your kid's college tuition, this "potential money" is something you're counting on to get by. For people who need cash and need it now, this is as real as money gets, whether or not it meets the technical definition of the word.

Still, you run into trouble when you think of that potential money as being the same thing as the cash in your purse or your checking account.

"That's a big mistake," says Dale Jorgenson, an economics professor at Harvard.

There's a key distinction here: While the money in your pocket is unlikely to just vanish into thin air, the money you could have had, if only you'd sold your house or drained your stock-heavy mutual funds a year ago, most certainly can.

"You can't enjoy the benefits of your 401(k) if it's disappeared," Jorgenson explains. "If you had it all in financial stocks and they've all gone down by 80 percent—sorry! That is a permanent loss because those folks aren't coming back. We're gonna have a huge shrinkage in the financial sector."

There was a time when nobody had to wonder what happened to the money they used to have. Until paper money was developed in China around the ninth century, money was something solid that had actual value—like a gold coin that was worth whatever that amount of gold was worth, according to Douglas Mudd, curator of the American Numismatic Association's Money Museum in Denver.

Back then, if the money you once had was suddenly gone, there was a simple reason—you spent it, someone stole it, you dropped it in a field somewhere, or maybe a tornado or some other disaster struck wherever you last put it down.

But these days, a lot of things that have monetary value can't be held in your hand.

If you choose, you can pour most of your money into stocks and track their value in real time on a computer screen, confident that you'll get good money for them when you decide to sell. And you won't be alone—staring at millions of computer screens are other investors who share your confidence that the value of their portfolios will hold up.

But that collective confidence, Jorgenson says, is gone. And when confidence is drained out of a financial system, a lot of investors will decide to sell at any price, and a big chunk of that money you thought your investments were worth simply goes away.

If you once thought your investment portfolio was as good as a suitcase full of twenties, you might suddenly suspect that it's not.

In the process, of course, you're losing wealth. But does that mean someone else must be gaining it? Does the world have some fixed amount of wealth that shifts between people, nations and institutions with the ebb and flow of the economy?

Jorgenson says no—the amount of wealth in the world "simply decreases in a situation like this." And he cautions against assuming that your investment losses mean a gain for someone else—like wealthy stock speculators who try to make money by betting that the market will drop.

"Those folks in general have been losing their shirts at a prodigious rate," he said. "They took a big risk and now they're suffering from the consequences."

"Of course, they had a great life, as long as it lasted."

## STRANGE

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"None of this makes any sense," attorney Mark Geragos, who was representing Miura, said Saturday. "He was extremely engaged in his defense. He was giving us advice and input. He wanted to fight this."

Geragos said Miura, 61, maintained to the end that he had nothing to do with the death of his 28-year-old wife, Kazumi, in 1981. Miura battled extradition to the United States this year but finally agreed to come back and face trial on a charge of conspiracy to murder his long-dead wife.

His suicide, in which police said he hanged himself with a piece of his shirt in his jail cell, was the last bizarre twist in a case that had many. The story became a sensation in Japan, where it was known as "the Japanese O.J. case," and hordes of Japanese journalists had flocked to Los Angeles for the impending trial.

The case, which inspired an episode of TV's "Law & Order," began in a downtown Los Angeles parking garage where, on Nov. 18, 1981, Miura reported that he and his wife were shot by unknown assailants after a day of sightseeing. The incident made headlines after Miura called a news conference from his hospital bed to denounce Los Angeles as a violent city for tourists. He portrayed himself and his wife as innocent victims.

The city, which was preparing for the 1984 Summer Olympics at the time, was sensitive to the accusations, and police vowed to find the killers. The police chief later said he suspected Miura from the outset.

Miura was shot in the leg and recovered, but his wife, who was shot in the head, lingered in a coma for a year. He eventually took her back to Tokyo, where she died.

In 1984, suspicion fell on Miura after Japanese media reported he had collected about $1.4 million in life insurance on his wife.

Then an actress who claimed to be Miura's lover came forward and said he solicited her to kill his wife by hitting her over the head with a hammer at Los Angeles' New Otani Hotel three months before the shooting. Miura was arrested in Japan in 1985 and convicted of attempted murder in that case.

While serving a six-year sentence, he was charged in Japan in 1988 with his wife's murder. He was convicted in 1994 and sentenced to life in prison, but the Japanese Supreme Court reversed the case and acquitted him in 2003.

After his release, Miura often spoke publicly about what he said were false accusations against him and hounding by the media. He became a successful public speaker, and it was his trip to the U.S. territory of Saipan for a speaking engagement that tripped him up.

Los Angeles investigators who had been keeping tabs on him for nearly three decades learned of his plans and arrested him as he was about to leave Saipan on Feb. 21 to return to Japan.

### A TIMELINE

- Nov. 18, 1981: Miura and his wife, Kazumi, 28, are shot while visiting Los Angeles.
- 1982: Kazumi dies after spending a year in a coma.
- 1984: Japanese magazine publishes stories saying Miura collected about $1.4 million from life insurance policies on his wife. An actress says Miura asked her to kill his wife in a separate incident.
- 1985: Miura convicted of attempted murder in the case involving the actress and is sentenced to six years in prison.
- 1988: Los Angeles County charges Miura with murder and conspiracy to commit murder.
- 1994: Miura is convicted in Japan of his wife's murder.
- 2003: Conviction is overturned by Japanese Supreme Court.
- Feb. 22, 2008: Miura is arrested on 1988 warrant when he visits U.S. territory of Saipan.
- Sept. 26: Murder charge is dismissed on grounds of double jeopardy.
- Oct. 10: Miura is extradited to California and found dead in jail cell after hanging himself. ***(The Associated Press)***

A legal battle ensued over efforts to bring him to Los Angeles for trial. Geragos, a celebrated criminal defense lawyer, took Miura's case and argued that to try him for murder again in California would violate double jeopardy laws.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Steven Van Sicklen in Torrance agreed, but ruled that Miura had never been tried for conspiracy to murder and said prosecutors could go forward with that charge.

Miura waived extradition, although if convicted of conspiracy, his potential sentence would have been the same as for murder—25 years to life in state prison.

On Thursday, as Miura was en route to the United States, prosecutors filed papers seeking to reinstate the murder charge, and a hearing was scheduled for next week. But on Friday night, only hours after his arrival, Miura was dead.

"It was apparent that the murder suspect, alone in his cell, had used a piece of his shirt as a makeshift ligature around his neck," Charlie Beck, chief of detectives for the Los Angeles Police Department, said at a news conference Saturday at police headquarters.

Beck said guards had checked on Miura only 10 minutes before he was found dead at 9:45 p.m. Officers rushed into the cell and gave him cardiopulmonary resuscitation while medical workers were summoned. Miura did not respond to treatment and was pronounced dead at USC Medical Center, Beck said.

He said the death will be investigated by the LAPD Force Investigation Division, and results will be reviewed by the police chief, inspector general and the Los Angeles Police Commission.

Those who saw Miura shortly after his arrival from Saipan said there was no hint that he was planning suicide, and authorities saw no reason to put him on suicide watch.

The development stunned many, including the Japanese Consul General in California, Masara Dekiba, who spent 15 minutes with Miura on Friday morning and said he looked fine.

Miura even asked the consul to tell jailers that he was allergic to fried foods and requested an international phone call to his new wife.

"Why Mr. Miura killed himself I do not know," said Dekiba, who called the family personally to inform them of Miura's death.

Beck appeared at the news conference with Rick Jackson, a police investigator who had tracked Miura for decades. Both appeared downcast, and Beck described them as "shocked and disappointed."

"This was not what we had envisioned for this case," Beck said.

## LOCAL

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ter passengers on a Shanghai Airlines flight were subjected to intensive body searches during an operation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency on Oct. 4.

Finance Secretary Eloy S. Inos reported on Friday that the CNMI government has temporarily withdrawn local law enforcement officers from a joint task force with the DEA.

He said the pullout of six police officers and one customs officer from the anti-drug task force will continue until the local government gets a full explanation of the Shanghai Airlines flight incident from the DEA.

Fitial, in a letter to the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino and Century Tours, expressed his "great dismay" about the episode, and reassured both companies that his administration is working to get to the root of the incident.

"I want to let you know that my administration is extremely displeased with the manner in which this activity was conducted. We did not approve of this and do not support such treatment of visitors to our islands," said Fitial.

Tour agents are concerned about the negative publicity the Commonwealth is receiving in China because of the episode. They also fear that the incident may put at risk the CNMI's "approved destination status," which allows the Commonwealth to openly market itself as a tourist destination for Chinese travelers.

The governor said he has asked federal officials for a complete explanation, and has called for new procedures to be put in place with better communications.

"On behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, I want to say that we are very appreciative of your efforts to promote our beautiful islands to Chinese visitors. At the same time, we want all of our tourists to feel welcome and happy when they visit our islands of Saipan, Tinian or Rota," Fitial said.

"Please be assured that I will do everything within my power to ensure that better procedures are put in place for the future," he added.

Tour operators report that agents herded 147 of the 187 passengers on the Shanghai Airlines flight into a small room and searched even the most private parts of their bodies, in addition to searching every piece of luggage they carried.

The episode resulted in a more than three-hour delay at the airport. Local officials are fearful it will damage the CNMI's reputation in key Asian market for its struggling tourism industry.

## MIURA

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in his cell in Los Angeles.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* late Saturday night, Fitzgerald said they don't understand why it happened because the 61-year-old Miura was not depressed and was very upbeat about the case.

"We're in a state of disbelief!" said Fitzgerald, who was the one who argued most during Miura's petition for a writ of habeas corpus, as well as in the appeal.

The veteran lawyer said it was Berline who called him early Saturday evening to inform him about what had happened in L.A.

Fitzgerald said Miura's lawyer in L.A., attorney Mark Geragos, had called Berline about the apparent suicide and they talked about what happened.

"Then we're getting calls from Japan telling us what happened," Fitzgerald said. "There's nothing we can do until we find out what happened tomorrow [Sunday]."

Asked if they are going to L.A. or Japan, Fitzgerald said they don't know what their next step would be until they get more information.

A DOC official told *Saipan Tribune* Saturday night that Miura's death was very shocking to them.

"He's been here for seven months under our control, but he's okay. He had no problem with anything with the officers," said the official, who requested not to be identified.

Assistant Attorney General Jeffery Warfield Sr. told *Saipan Tribune* Saturday night that Miura's death is truly a tragedy.

"We're surprised to hear it and it's never been good to get that kind of news," said Warfield, who handled the extradition case against Miura.

It was Warfield who joined four LAPD detectives and other local law enforcement officers early Friday morning in escorting the Japanese businessman from the Department of Corrections in Susupe to the Continental Airlines plane that would bring him to Guam, the first leg of his journey to Southern California.

Miura arrived at LA International Airport on Friday (LA time). Less than 24 hours later, he was reportedly found hanging in his cell.

# Two federal budget officials check out NMI

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A new program examiner for the U.S. Office of Management and Budget was on island late last week to learn about the issues and funding needs in the Commonwealth.

Charlie Stern, the new OMB examiner for the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, was accompanied by OIA budget director Tom Bussanich on his two-day orientation trip to Saipan.

Stern and Bussanich on Thursday came to Saipan from Guam, which they visited for the same purpose. They left for the Republic of Palau on Saturday to continue with their tour of the U.S. insular areas.

Bussanich said that OIA initiated the trip to provide Stern, who is the White House's analyst for programs concerning the insular areas, with "a better understanding of what goes on out in the Pacific."

During their visit, according to Bussanich, they met with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to discuss various issues, primarily those related to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. The CNMI government has asked the federal government for funds to rehabilitate Saipan's dilapidated power system and to improve the Commonwealth's water and wastewater facilities.

The two joined Fitial in inaugurating a finished waterworks project in Koblerville Friday. The project involved the enclosure of 44 electrical control panels for water wells and 25 chlorination stations by retrofitting chain link fences into solid concrete structures for added protection. The project cost $993,000, with part of the money coming from the Interior Department.

Bussanich said they also met with federal representatives based on Saipan.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey website, Stern is also the OMB examiner for the USGS and the backup examiner for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Before joining OMB, he also served as an intern for the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress, where his work included reports on the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers.

**PREMIUM WINE DINNER** JAYVEE VALLEJERA

Pacific Islands Club executive chef Darren Farrel, second from left, and F&B administrative assistant Paul Dujua, right, pose with the staff of Seaside Grill during Saturday evening's "Premium Wine Dinner with Kendall Jackson and Certified Angus Beef," held at the second floor of the posh restaurant.

# Science academy to host conference

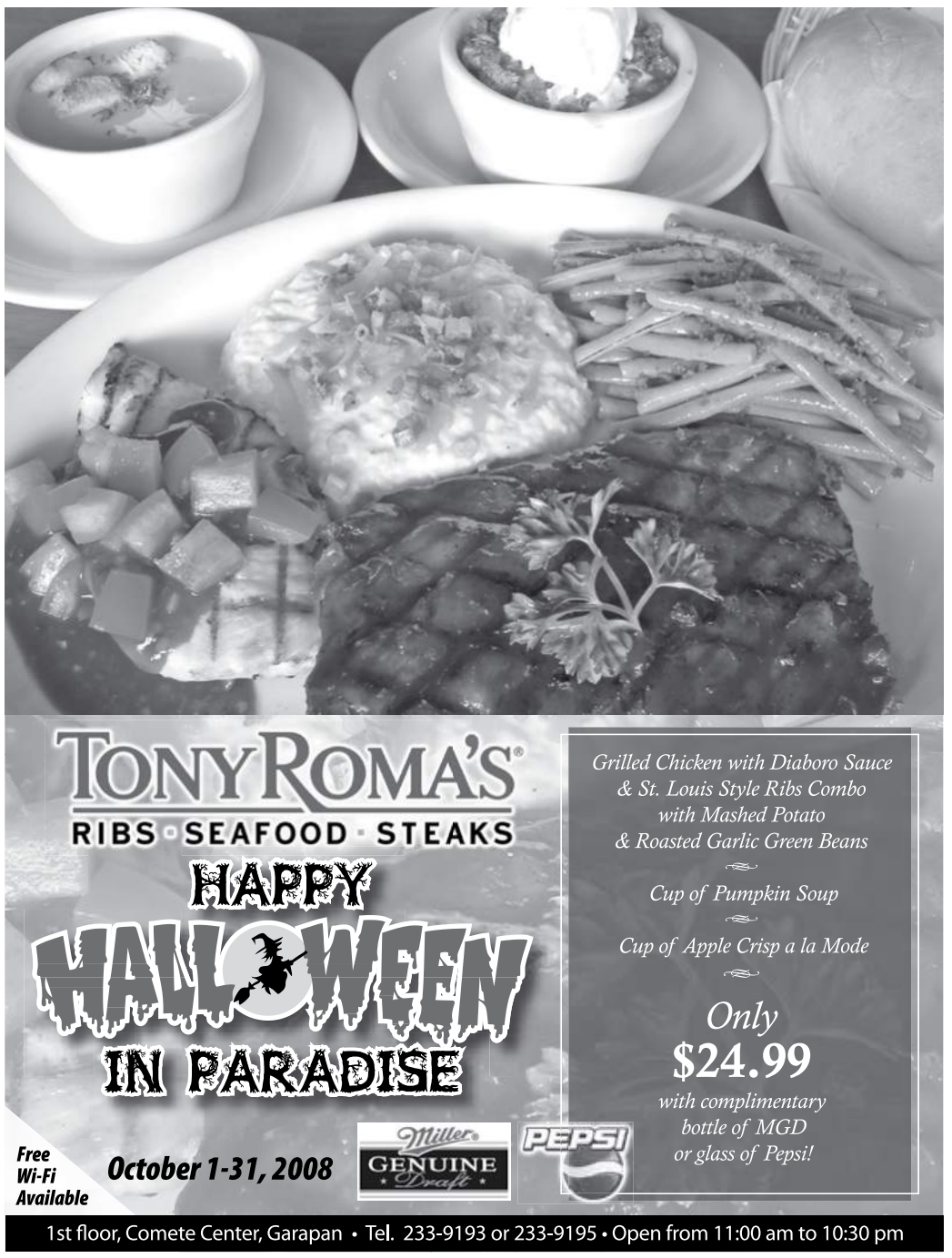
In a statement issued this week, the Western Pacific Academy of Science and Environmental Management is calling on students and professionals to submit presentations ahead of an annual conference on Saipan later this year.

The academy is a professional organization founded in 2004 with the aim of promoting debate and dialogue on environmental management issues.

Those interested in submitting a 15- to 20-minute presentation "on any aspect of their recent work which may be of interest to the CNMI's science and environmental management community" are encouraged, the statement says, to contact organizers John Furey or Andre Kozij for details—jfurey@saipan.com or akaspn@hotmail.com.

The statement adds that the academy's leadership is now seeking a federal designation as a non-profit organization in a bid to expand the scope of its outreach work and gain funding support for projects.

A venue for the conference has yet to be announced. However, organizers say it will likely take place one day in late November or early December from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. The academy's last conference was in March at American Memorial Park's auditorium. ***(Stefan Sebastian)***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# Gladchenko wins Russian Supermodel contest

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Anna Gladchenko may not have earned the nod of the audience but her portrayal of American icon Marilyn Monroe in the simulation category must have been her lucky charm.

The 18-year old university student majoring in transportation studies won the first ever Russian Far East Supermodel Pageant that stunned an estimated 300 crowd that filled the Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort on Saturday night. She herself was floored when eventually declated the winner.

"I was so surprised," Gladchenko told reporters through an interpreter minutes after she was chosen as the best among the nine finalists.

The resort's general manager, Hong Chul Shin, put the crown on Gladchenko's head while first lady Josie Fitial pinned the sash.

Shin and Fitial were among the six members of the board of judges chaired by Red Star Modeling Agency general manager Svetlana Oksuzyan. The others were former Saipan beauty queen Jennifer White-Aguon, S-Building Construction Company of Russia manager Igor Shmakov and Russia's PRIMO-TV general manager Svetlana Orekjova.

Gladchenko thanked the judges, audience and the people of Saipan, adding that Saipan is beautiful and very unique.

She said she would be back next year to defend her crown.

Organizers said they will be staging the finals of the second year of the contest in 2009 here on Saipan again.

Gladchenko, who stands 178cm, won 130,000 rubles (roughly $4,700) and a roundtrip ticket to visit Saipan next year.

Two other contestants left an indelible mark with the audience.

Tamara Jukova, who was the tallest of the nine contestants at 185cm, was undoubtedly the most applauded in her impersonation of Jennifer Lopez.

She stood silent for several seconds after she heard her name called out as the first runner-up winner. She managed a smile for the audience as Mrs. Fitial pinned her sash.

Not to be outdone was Olga Chichulina, who was adjudged as the darling of the crowd.

The Madonna lookalike said she's in shock at getting this special recognition. She won a flat screen TV.

"I'm very proud," she said.

Rounding out the finalists were Liliya Dubenskay, who impersonated Christina Aguilera; Dasha Berdnik, the youngest at 16 and a dead ringer for Catherine Zeta Jones; Alina Sobina (who impersonated Charlie Chaplin), Luba Meteleva (impersonating one of the Pussycat Dolls), Anna Pikulenko (who portrayed Avril Lavigne), and Natalia Akimova (as Liza Minelli).

The show's emcees were NMC student and KSPN intern Heather Calderwood and Marianas High School teacher Chris Cabrera.

The Russian delegation will leave Saipan on Oct. 17.

Oksuzyan promised that they would come back next year with a bigger and more beautiful show.

There were some hitches during the show but the veteran promoter said it is normal in a beauty pageant for such glitches and they just have to deal with it.

Orekjova said it was a wonderful show and very interesting for the people of Saipan. The most important thing she said is to know more about the Russian people.

Several contract workers from Russia were seen in the audience.

One of them said there are about 30 Russians living here.

RAY BELGADO

CNMI first lady Josie Fitial helps crown Anna Gladchenko as the winner of the first ever Russian Far East Supermodel Pageant, held Saturday evening at the Saipan World Resort.



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The nine contestants in the first ever Russian Far East Supermodel Pageant pose during the wedding gown segment of the contest.


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## Statewide Independent Living Council

**FY '09 1st General Membership Meeting**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 09 1st General Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at Giovanni's, Hyatt Regency Saipan at 9:00am-1:00pm. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

**AGENDA**

**I. Welcoming**

**II. Preliminary Items**
- Review and Adoption of Agenda
- Review and Adoption of Minutes of 09/29/08

**III. New Business**
- Election of New Officers
- Response to RSA Monitoring Review

**IV Announcements**

**V Adjournment**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters, are asked to call 322-6537(voice) or 322-6449(TTY). Please contact Magin Iginoef (Council Liaison) two days in advanced for necessary arrangements.

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# CUC to step up line clearing operation

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is going to intensify its efforts to clean up the electrical grid of debris, tree branches, or vegetation in preparation for typhoons.

Acting CUC spokesperson Gary Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* they are in fact already doing the line clearing, but that they are going to step up efforts in the next couple of weeks because of the typhoon season.

Camacho said CUC and the Department of Public Works will be working together to protect the electrical distribution grid by removing tree branches and vegetations around power lines.

He said CUC and DPW are expected to finalize their memorandum of understanding in the coming weeks.

"CUC will do the actual physical line clearing around the area and DPW will be assisting us in the removal and disposal of the debris," he said.

Camacho said in the last few years the utility agency had difficulties in conducting the line clearing operation because of broken down equipment.

He said CUC's bucket trucks have already been repaired and are now ready for the clearing operation.

CUC has five bucket trucks and it is planning to purchase at least three more.

Camacho said the operation will benefit both consumers and CUC as debris, trees, and vegetation located near the electrical lines would cause the electrical system to go down during typhoons, affecting power supply to many areas.

"We want to ensure that the system is protected should inclement weather comes upon us," he said.

# Man in 2 meth cases gets 1 year in prison

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has imposed a one-year prison term on a man for possession of crystal methamphetamine or "ice."

Wiseman sentenced Jian Teng Xu, also known as Mr. Li, to one year in prison for four counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance in one case, and one year in prison for one count of illegal possession of a controlled substance in the other case.

Following a plea agreement, Wiseman said both sentences shall run concurrently, minus credit for time served. Xu will not be eligible for parole.

The 43-year-old Xu has already been in jail for a total of 267 days. This means he will be released from the Department of Corrections on Jan. 16, 2009 at 8am.

Upon completing his prison term, the defendant shall be released immediately to the CNMI or federal immigration officials for immediate removal from the Commonwealth.

The judge required Xu to pay a $2,000 fine. He said probation fees are not needed as the defendant shall be deported immediately after completing his prison term.

The defendant has agreed to cooperate with any ongoing criminal investigation and provide truthful information. He agreed to be deported to China.

Xu and counsel assistant public defender Matthew Holley signed a plea agreement with the CNMI government. He pleaded guilty to four counts of illegal possession of controlled substance in the 2007 case, and also pleaded guilty to one count of illegal possession of controlled substance in the 2008 case.

In filing the charges, the Attorney General's Office alleged that Xu distributed "ice" on Dec. 6, 7, 11, and 17, 2007.

According to a member of the Drug Enforcement Task Force, using a "confidential source" they were able to buy $250 worth of "ice" from the defendant at a parking lot of a store in As Lito on Dec. 6, 2007.

The following day, an undercover Task Force agent was able to buy $250 worth of "ice" from Xu at a parking lot of the same store in As Lito.

On Dec. 11, 2007, the undercover agent again purchased $250 worth "ice" from Xu at a parking lot of a store in Koblerville.

On Dec. 17, 2007, the Task Force members arrested Xu after he handed $500 worth of "ice" to the undercover agent at a parking lot of another store in Koblerville. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# 25 Solomons students to study medicine in Cuba

**HONIARA, Solomon Islands** (Solomon Times/PIR)—Some 25 young Solomon Islanders are confirmed to under take Medical studies in Cuba under the Cuban Government medical doctor scholarship arrangement in 2009.

The National Training Unit Director, Mr. Selu Maezama told the National Express that a meeting was held last Friday to look at a list of applicants, some short listed from the previous year.

He explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to get in touch with pre-service applicants who were awarded a scholarship so that they could confirm their names.

Meanwhile the Under Secretary for the Ministry of Health and Medical Services Dr. Cedric Alependava said it was a great privilege for Solomon Islanders to study in Cuba.

He described the opportunity as a great bonus for Solomon Islands as we will have more qualified doctors in the near future.

Dr. Alependava said he really appreciate the Cuban Government for its on-going assistance in sponsoring "more of our students' and securing spaces for them to do their studies in Cuba."

He said so far the Ministry has received positive results and feedbacks from students who went to Cuba early this year. The students have moved onto their academic studies after learning the Spanish language in the first six months of their course.

Dr. Alependava encouraged the newly selected students (six girls and 19 boys) to do the same.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Vice Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES: August 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
August 24, 2008, Special Board Meeting

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAMS
A. Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
B. Status of Loan Programs
C. Other Loan Matters

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Pursuant to PL 8-41, Section 13(6) and (7), some discussion of the above may be under Executive Session.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Chairman of the Board

# Periodontal disease? What's that?

By TWYLA SEATON, BS, RDH
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Periodontal disease is a technical term for gum disease. Did you know that gum disease can lead to periodontal disease? Did you know that you can have gum disease even though your gums may not hurt when brushing and flossing? Most people do not even know that they have gum disease until they see their dental hygienist for a checkup.

Gum disease is caused by many factors, but the most important key to remember is that it is controlled only by regular visits to the dental office. Gum disease is an infection caused by bacteria and as it continues, it begins to eat away the gums and bone support surrounding the teeth. If left untreated, this infection will continue to dissolve the supporting structure around the teeth until they become loose and eventually fall out or are extracted. What most people do not realize is that they can keep their teeth a lot longer by treating the gum disease and maintaining the bone they have. By treating the gum infection, heart disease is being prevented as well. Research has shown that the same bacteria that cause gum disease can also cause infections in the heart. Increasing oral health leads to better heart health, and overall physical health.

Something else that can increase oral health and help prevent gum disease is daily brushing and flossing. Many people have a hard time forming flossing habits, but here are some ideas:

- Put the floss some place where you will remember to use it (i.e. bathroom vanity; shower; next to the TV remote, computer, or kitchen sink; etc)
- If your hands are too big, get a flosser that allows you to put floss on a handle.
- If your teeth are tight together, then use Glide or Satin floss which is easier to use in these cases. Waxed floss is still preferred due to the sticky texture that bacteria attach to, hence removing the plaque from between the teeth better than Glide or Satin floss. But if the waxed floss shreds or gets stuck between your teeth, then use Glide or Satin floss.

According to research, it takes 21 days to form a habit, so if you keep up the flossing for at least three weeks, you are well on your way to establishing a strong flossing routine.

In conclusion, I would just like to encourage each of you to start forming good flossing and brushing habits at home. Then, the next step would be to visit your local dental office and ask to see the dental hygienist for a checkup. These steps will help you maintain a long-lasting smile! May you have fun in the process!

*Twyla Seaton is a dental hygienist at Saipan SDA Clinic.*

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**BANKPACIFIC, LTD.,**
Plaintiff,
vs.
**WILMER R. SABLAN aka WILMER RABAGO SABLAN and EMERITHA T. TORRES aka EMERITHA TAISACAN TORRES,**
Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0360**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Court in this matter on September 15, 2008, I will cause to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, to satisfy a Judgment entered June 03, 2008, in favor of Plaintiff, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below:

Lot No. 011 G 942 containing an area of917 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 18, dated December 03, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4286, dated December 09, 1993, the description herein being incorporated herein by reference.

1. **Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendant), will be on October 24,2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

2. **Inspection of Property.** Failure to inspect the property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by the bidder.

3. **Warranties and Covenants.** The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of merchantability, and/or title for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

4. **Conduct of Sale.**
a. RESERVE. The sale may be held with reserve. Disclosure of the reserve price on the property offered will be at the sole discretion of the undersigned.
b. BIDS. Bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed. The highest of such advance bids will be the opening bid for the property. Advance bids may be submitted in writing and delivered to Vincent J. Seman, Carl smith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, P.O. Box 5241, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or error in delivery of bids.
c. DISPUTES. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice of Sale if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.
d. DEPOSIT. Immediately after the sale is consummated the successful bidder must pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance of 90% must be paid to the Plaintiff, in care of **Carlsmith Ball LLP**, Attorneys At Law, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, Plaintiff shall retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and may again offer the property for sale.
e. MEMORANDUM OF SALE. Ifrequested by the undersigned, a successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately after the sale of the property is struck at auction.

5. **Court Approval Required.** Every property sale is subject to approval by the Court. The Auctioneer and Plaintiff make no warranties or promises with respect to Court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of Court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted. The sale is subject to the judgment debtor's rights of redemption pursuant to Commonwealth law.

6. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages. of the CNMI governing auction sales, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties: (1) to withdraw the property listed in this Notice, and such withdrawal may occur before the sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale, without notice, at any time before the property is struck off; (3) to reject, on behalf of the Plaintiff, any and all bids for any reason, the exercise of either of which will be without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby.

7. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any ofthe tenns hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 26th day of September, 2008.

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**BANK OF HAWAII,**
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**SYLVIA ARRIOLA PE and RENA TO S. PE,**
Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0455**

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EA 415-3NEW-3 (formerly part of EA 415-3 NEW, which was part of original EA 415), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2026/89, the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 88 as Document No. 88-3910 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

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DATED, this 26th day of September, 2008.

/s/ **VINCENT J. SEMAN**

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### October 13, 1999

**Prison guards get stern warning from Teno**
Stunned by the escape of three inmates from the Division of Corrections, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday met with Public Safety Commissioner Charles Ingram and prison chief Gregory F. Castro to assess prison conditions following the fourth jailbreak in less than two years. At the same time, he issued stern warning to officers and jail guards to be more careful next time in order to prevent similar incidents in the future.

**CDA: Delay selection of contractor for power project**
Commonwealth Development Authority Board Chairman Juan S. Tenorio has asked the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to postpone indefinitely the selection of a company that will build the 80-megawatt power plant until after CUC has made an assessment of the power demand on Saipan. In a letter to Timothy P. Villagomez, executive director of the utilities firm, Tenorio warned CUC against embarking on a financial commitment which it may not be able to justify.

**CNMI awaits money for Tinian operations**
Funds from a reimbursement by the federal government on expenditures incurred from detaining and repatriating illegal Chinese immigrants will be reinstated to the operational budget of departments and agencies involved in the Tinian operations. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said he has yet to check the Department of Finance to find out if the payment amounting to $754,000 from the U.S. Department of Interior has arrived, although he said federal officials assured him the money would be sent upon signing of the agreement.

### October 13, 2000

**On budget review: Teno says it's up to the Legislature**
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio is keeping his hands off the legislative process of deliberating the fiscal budget which is expected to suffer long delays again as the House and the Senate lock horns on the proposed $221.66 million spending package. The local chief executive said yesterday he would not lift a finger to press lawmakers to immediately approve the FY 2001 budget even though the new fiscal year already started on Oct. 1.

**Australian carrier gears up for nonstop Saipan flights**
Australia-based carrier Micronesian Air is gearing up for its proposed nonstop flights between Sydney and Saipan in four months as it completed securing a new aircraft for the new route, Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos H. Salas disclosed yesterday. In an interview with reporters, Mr. Salas said he has recently received a telephone call from Micronesian Air president Rex Banks informing him that the aircraft for the Sydney-Saipan route has already been secured by the carrier.

**Cemetery will reopen Monday—U.S. Army Corps**
Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio was assured yesterday by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that Cemetery 2 will be reopened to the public on Oct. 16 to allow residents visit the gravesites in time for All Soul's Day. The Environmental Chemical Corp., project contractor of the Army Corps, has been carrying out a cleanup of the cemetery which has been found to have high levels of polychlorinated biphenyl contamination.

### October 13, 2002

**Tourism weaknesses identified**
The Strategic Economic Development Council has listed down some of the most prevalent factors that hinder the further growth of the Commonwealth's tourism industry. The SEDC, during a recent presentation, included the rising number of petty crimes committed against the islands' tourists as one of the most domineering weaknesses of the Northern Marianas as a prime tourist destination.

**Hanging out with the Teen Talk Live! cast**
Put together a group of eloquent teenagers with different, yet somewhat similar backgrounds, and you have the power of gab-at its best-soaring through the radio airwaves. It does take an expert to do what they do and true enough, who would be more qualified to talk about teen culture than teens themselves?

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| COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- JUAN M. SAN NICOLAS and MARIANA D. SAN NICOLAS, Defendants | Civil Action No. 03-0610B **NOTICE OF AUCTION** |

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Juan M. San Nicolas and Mariana D. San Nicolas in the following described, real property situated in Tanapag, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

**Lot No. 018 B 40**
Beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having Plane Rectangular Coordinates of 57,885.476 meters North and 54,811.1119 meteres East of the Mariana Islands District Coordinate System of 1966.

Thence N 39" 29" 56" E, 72.922 meters to Corners 2;
Thence S 32" 53" 15" E, 32.271 meters to Corners 3;
Thence S 39" 29" 56" W, 63.127 meters to Corners 4;
Thence N 50" 30" 04" W, 30.852 meters to point of beginning;

The above described property contains an area of 2,099 square meters, more or less, as shown on Drawing No. 018 B 09 and recorded under File No. 89-2639, including all improvement, appurtenances and easements therewith;

AND

**Lot No. 018 B 43**
Beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having Plane Rectangular Coordinates of 57,848.316 meters North and 54,780.487 meteres East of the Mariana Islands District Coordinate System of 1966.

Thence N 39" 29" 56" E, 48.158 meters to Corners 2;
Thence S 50" 30" 04" E, 71.797 meters to Corners 3;
Thence S 39" 29" 56" W, 52.288 meters to Corners 4;
Thence N 44" 51" 32" W, 42.00 meters to point of beginning;

The above described property contains an area of 2,099 square meters, more or less, as shown on Drawing No. 018 B 09 and recorded under File No. 89-2639, including all improvement, appurtenances and easements therewith;

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 31, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit, Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the titles and properties; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests Juan M. San Nicolas and Mariana D. San Nicolas in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real properties will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 3rd day of September 2008.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA,
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- FRANCISCO I. BABAUTA Defendant. | Civil Action No. 06-0216 **NOTICE OF AUCTION** |

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendant Francisco I. Babuta in the following described real property situated in San Roque, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

**Lot No. 001 B 10,** containing an area of 752 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 B 00, the original of which was registered with the Land registry as Document No 100, on the 30th day of June, 1970, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 31, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
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6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the titles and properties; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Francisco I. Babauta in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real properties will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 3rd day of September 2008.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA,
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA and ESTATE OF MAGDALENA M. MANGLONA Defendants. | Civil Action No. 07-0170 **NOTICE OF AUCTION** |

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Benjamin T. Manglona and the Estate of Magdalena M. Manglona in the following described real property situated in Tatgua, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

**Lot No. 230 R 01,** containing an area of 9,384.50 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 230 R 00, including all existing anfd future improvements on the said property, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 31, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the titles and properties; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Benjamin T. Manglona and the Estate of Magdalena M. Manglona in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real properties will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 3rd day of September 2008.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA,
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# NOTICE OF HEARINGS PENDING DENIAL APPEALS

**Monday, October 06, 2008 first notice**
**Monday, October 13, 2008 second notice**

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below. Please bring any documentation necessary to resolve the issues that led to the denial of your permit application. If you fail to appear or fail to bring required documentation, the appeal may be dismissed and an administrative order may be entered against you. Any employee who intends to request permission to transfer to a new employer must appear at the hearing to make that request; failure to appear may result in immediate denial of transfer relief.

ANY EMPLOYER WHOSE DENIAL AROSE FROM A FAILURE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION, AND WHOSE DOCUMENTATION IS NOW COMPLETE, MAY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND HAVE THE DENIAL REMOVED. ANY EMPLOYER WHOSE DENIAL IS REMOVED NEED NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING.

ANY EMPLOYEE WHO NO LONGER WISHES TO PURSUE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE EMPLOYER LISTED BELOW, AND WISHES TO RE-REGISTER FOR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER EMPLOYER, MAY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND HAVE THE DENIAL REMOVED. ANY EMPLOYEE WHOSE DENIAL IS REMOVED NEED NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND MAY REGISTER WITH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR TRANSFER.

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## EDITORIAL

## Chaos sets out to sea

Somalia, a chronically failed state that the world wants to ignore, is back on the international agenda thanks to the quaint-sounding but deadly serious problem of piracy. Forget the Jolly Roger jokes: This year alone, bandits based on the Somali coast have attacked some 60 ships in one of the world's busiest and most important sea lanes and have collected up to $100 million in ransom. More than a dozen vessels and 300 seamen are being held hostage. For years the United States and other Western powers have mostly ignored this scourge, even though an American-led antiterrorism naval task force has been operating off the Horn of Africa.

Finally, last month, the pirates inadvertently made a capture that commanded attention. They seized a Ukrainian ship carrying 33 Russian battle tanks and other heavy weaponry, hardware nominally intended for the Kenyan army but probably destined for southern Sudan. In the past two weeks, U.S. warships have surrounded the Ukrainian vessel, which lies at anchor, and as negotiators bargain down the pirates' ransom demand, the U.N. Security Council has passed a resolution authorizing the use of force against pirates in Somalia's territorial waters. On Thursday, NATO agreed to send a seven-ship force to the area, including a U.S. destroyer, to operate anti-piracy patrols and escort U.N. food aid vessels supplying Somalia's desperate population.

That measure may make the Gulf of Aden safer for shipping, at least as long as the task force remains. But the root problem—lawless Somalia—will remain. The United States backed an Ethiopian invasion of the country in 2006 that was aimed at ousting an Islamic movement with ties to al-Qaida and at installing a transitional government. But the project foundered, and the Islamists regained control of much of the country. Now U.S. engagement is limited to sporadic airstrikes against militants, launched from offshore, and support for the food aid necessary to prevent millions from starving.

As the piracy problem has shown, that policy will not prevent Somalia from becoming a serious menace to international security. Though a U.N. envoy is trying to broker peace talks among the country's warring factions, Western and African governments have been unwilling to muster the peacekeeping force and nation-building operation that would be necessary to stabilize the country. Those governments still have not absorbed one of the central lessons of Sept. 11, 2001, which is that failed states—particularly Islamic ones—can pose a threat far beyond their borders. Unless its fundamental problems are addressed, Somalia will continue to export trouble—and piracy may not be the worst of its products.

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MEANWHILE, FAR FROM WALL STREET AND MAIN STREET...
SOMEWHERE IN THE MOUNTAINS ALONG THE BORDER OF PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN...
IN A DEEP, DARK CAVE...
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD
KOTERBA
THE WAY THEY ARE WREAKING HAVOC ON THEMSELVES, THEY ARE BEATING US AT OUR OWN GAME!
STILL, IT IS GOOD... ALTHOUGH I DO MISS ALL THE ATTENTION.
DEATH TO AMERICA!

# Why a trades school is needed

**By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.*

On July 15, 2008, the Northern Marianas Trades Institute held its first session. Its three small classrooms were filled to capacity with young apprehensive students, both male and female, eager to learn a trade. The three newly certified instructors handed out textbooks and explained the purpose of the school and the curriculum. The first course was an introduction to electricity, carpentry and plumbing. Thus began a silent revolution to invest in our "human capital." Walk with me as we discuss its growth and importance to our community.

Now three months later the same students are highly motivated and still studying hard two nights a week. They have come to realize what the future can hold for them after they master a skilled trade. They will never have to work for the minimum wage again or beg for a job.

Upon completion of the basic course at the end of this month, they will begin a practical hands-on work in their chosen field—electricity, plumbing, and carpentry. They will continue until they become proficient enough to hold a job in their field.

They are being trained to become skilled employees that will be able to hold down high-paying jobs in large construction companies. They are also being trained to become self-employed operating their own small businesses. All they will need is a pickup truck, hand tools and strong knuckles to knock on doors offering their skill. In this manner they will be able to charge whatever the market will bear as is done in the rest of America.

The response since July has been overwhelming. Many parents are asking how and when their son or daughter can enter and begin mastering a trade. In response the Saipan House Delegation has appropriated $100,000.00 to foster the development of the institute. Duty Free Shops has donated $3,000 while several individuals donated $500 each. In addition, the NAP program is donating $15,000 also to help train some of their food stamp recipients. The Workforce Investment Agency is paying the tuition of several students.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club have offered assistance in the form of scholarships. A special thank you to all.

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute is a non-profit and non-governmental institute. The trades institute is hoping that more donors will respond. Funds are badly needed to support these courses. We never anticipated the response we are getting for various training courses.

To date the institute has mainly been funded by its president. But your immediate support is badly needed. Please call me at 287-8310 and I will gladly explain in more detail what we are doing and how your assistance will be used. Please sponsor a needy student for his tuition. You are welcome to visit the warehouse classrooms and see what we are doing any time.

It is our basic philosophy to train our people in skilled trades. With a strong workforce we can create an economy that will have a strong middle class. We must wean ourselves away from guest workers. We have the necessary manpower but it is not being utilized now. Our people are eager to learn and to work as their fathers and mothers did before them. But for some reason we have not motivated them. If anything we have destroyed their desire to work. Instead we prefer to speak derogatory remarks, calling them lazy and worthless as employees.

At the institute we are building morale and self-confidence while teaching life-long skills. I always tell people: "Don't accept my comments. But visit the school and speak to the students to hear their comments. That is the real merit of what the institute is all about—the results the students feel they are achieving."

As mentioned earlier, the institute is growing. One of the exciting things that has happened recently is that it has just leased a 35,000 square foot lot with a 25,000 almost new warehouse in Lower Base. Here we are constructing actual hands-on classes where the students will be able to handle tools and build things. The warehouse will be ready for use by November. Under the supervision of certified instructors the students will also be able to reach out into the community to do simple maintenance jobs, thereby adding to their experience.

Beginning in November, the following courses are expected to be offered based on the demand. The current students will advance to hands-on learning in the new warehouse to further their skills in electricity, carpentry and plumbing. In addition introductory courses will be given which will include:

A.electricity, B.carpentry, C.plumbing, D.painting, E. masonry, F. refrigeration/air/conditioning, and G. electronics.

A special culinary (cooking) course will also be offered. This is intended to teach people to work in hotel kitchens and restaurants. Later in the month a sewing class and a cosmetology class will also be started depending upon demand and funding.

All the courses are open to all local residents regardless of age, educational level and gender. All that is required is a desire to learn a trade. However there is a charge for instruction and book fee. Classes are held two nights a week from 6pm to 8:30pm. Please call 235-6684 to pick up a registration form.

Currently we have nine instructors who specialize in various fields, but we are looking for more. If you have a special skill and would like to teach it to others, please call George Sablan, the former mayor, at 235-6684 or 285-7410 and discuss how we can cooperate. The more we cooperate and teach our people skills, the faster we will become a proud and industrious nation again.

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute is closely affiliated with the Guam Contractors Association Trades Academy who has been successfully operating their academy for over two years. They and

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# Blocked exits

**By JUAN I. WABOL**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

When a smoke alarm sounds we all know what to do, right? Find the nearest escape route, get out and stay out! But if that exit is blocked, the best escape plan in the world will not help you and your family get to safety.

Items that block doors and windows in your home could keep you from escaping in the event of a home fire. Any emergency can affect one's ability to think clearly, but during a fire, smoke and other physical factors can literally inhibit your ability to react. Add a blocked escape route to the equation and your chances of safely escaping a fire may decrease even more. Not only can blocked windows and doors hinder you and your family's ability to escape a fire, but they can also keep firefighters from successfully completing their rescue attempts.

While many blocked escape routes are unintentional, such as large furniture or a pile of toys, others, like security bars, serve a purpose. Despite a downward trend in overall fire deaths in the United States, the number of fire deaths related to the use of security bars has risen, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Most of these fatal fires occur in low-income, high-crime neighborhoods. Due to a heightened fear of crime in these neighborhoods, people take measures to secure their homes and discourage intruders from entering, thereby, either consciously or unconsciously, placing a higher priority on security than on fire safety. This is particularly dangerous because people living in high-crime and/or low-income areas usually face increased fire risk as well. Increased fire risk, combined with blocked windows and doors, are most dangerous for young children, older adults, and people with disabilities, for whom escape might be more difficult, even under ordinary circumstances.

Whether your home has security bars or other items blocking escape routes, the following tips can help you to increase your chances of escaping your home should a fire occur:

Use emergency release devices inside all barred doors and windows. Emergency release devices enable you to push the bars open from the inside, but they don't affect the security provided outside. These devices can involve pulling a lever, pushing a button, stepping on a pedal or kicking in a lever on the floor. Make sure everyone in the household knows how to operate the release devices.

Padlocks can be a barrier to safety. In the event of a home fire, you'll need access to every escape route. Remove padlocks so the door or window can be used as an escape route.

When arranging furniture and other items, make sure that you're not blocking doors or windows with televisions, heavy dressers, tables, couches, even potted plants. Every room needs two ways out. Remove furniture that may be blocking doors or windows.

Never nail or paint windows shut. Opening them could be crucial in the event of a home fire. Inspect your windows and doors. Remove nails or paint that could prevent using windows for escape.

A pile of toys or other items in front of a doorway can block your escape route and could be a threat to the safety of you and your family. Remove toys that may be blocking doors or windows.

In addition to clearing clutter and unblocking exits, the most important key to your family's safety is planning and practicing a home fire escape plan. Make sure you develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside. Practice using the plan, at least twice a year. If everyone knows that everyone else is ready to exit quickly, no one will lose precious time trying to help someone who doesn't need help.

This October 5-11 is Fire Prevention Week. What better time to make sure you are prepared in the event of a fire? The CNMI Department of Public Safety Fire Division is encouraging local families to make a fire escape plan and practice it. For more information on how to prepare a "Fire Escape Plan", please visit any of our CNMI Fire Stations or you may contact the DPS Fire Division at 664-9003/4.

*Juan I. Wabol is the director of the Fire Division at the Department of Public Safety.*

# Direchon Natibu

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

'Nai mafañago i Chamorro 4,800 años antes guine siha na isles, dueño nu i tase yan tano sa` ginen este na regalon i Saina `nai ha preniniye mantension familian niha `sino komunidat natibu.

Deste antes, tradision natibu i uson fangualuan` yan tase gi preparasion mantension familia. Este na tradision mapasa papa` pot hinerasion gi famaguon natibu. Esta pago, pisun natibu i gualo yan tase.

Mafañago un` dibate pot konsetbasion tase yan tres islas gi sankattan na Marianas. Un` ginen hiyoñg na grupo (PEW) ilelegña na mauleg umafa` monumentu i tase yan tres tano guihe hulo`.

Lao memegaiña gi taotao-ta ti sumupopotta este na ginagao primera besis pot ti propio na para ta naen` ñaihon hafa ha engtrega hit si guelu yan guela. Sobla abilidatña i natibu dumisponen maisa hafa propiadatña.

Pot ihemplo: Kao magahet na sumen geftao hao ni tanomu ya listo hao munaen` ñaihon ya otro para u fan dispone? Pareho yan i ginagao PEW na grupo i para tanae` siha ni propiadatta ya dispues para ta faisen siha kao siña ta usa i ginen iyota. Ti propiu este na prinipone ya insuttu para natibu. Dispues tai hechura sino figura este na ginagao.

Huananae` agradesimiento i lehislatura `nai ha apprueba kinentra nu este na direchon natibu. Si Yuus Maase ni satton na proteksion ni innae` i taotao miyu gi este na asunto. Motmut bendision para kada uno gi entre hamyo.

### Kehan Pot Lai Federat

I Gobietno as Benigno R. Fitial muna` halom keha gi kotte pot ayo na probision lai federat ni tineteka bandon hutnaleros (labor). Ayo na lai siempre ha dulalag 15 mit na taotao hiyoñg ni man-machochochu` pago gi industrian hotel, konstraksion yan otro siha offisiu.

Gigon ma-implementa este otro sakan gi Juñio, machom i industrian hotel ya gi mismo tiempo ha ribaha linala ekonomian iya Marianas sinkuenta pot siento. Mamensiona i para maribahan linala` ekonomiata gi fina ripot i USGAO. Lao ni este na ripot ti ma-attende gi ininan Lai Publiko 110-229.

Guine gi mapos na semana, hu huñgog na i mismo membron komite ni chumoneg appruebasion ayo na lai federat masosoyu i Sekretarian US Homeland Security na una faborable para Marianas areglamienton immigrasion. Umanog na pago malilie` na destrosiu `sino dañasu mampos i nuebo na areglamienton pot immigrasion yan hutnaleros. Pot esso na masosoyu i Depattamenton US Homeland Security na una faborable para hita i nuebo na regulasion siha.

Este na sineyu tinatitiye ni un` silensio na mensahe: Lao na seguro na malagnos i kehan Marianas ginen kotten federat. Klaro na mangai mina a`ñao ni kehan gobietno hombre man-e`ensinahyao pago pot para u kubre linachen niha. Biba Natibun Marianas!

# 120 on 10/20

**By JACINTA M. KAIPAT**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Cinta M. Kaipat, the deputy secretary of Labor, is one of the founders of Beautify CNMI.*

Two years ago, the people living in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands set out to do something extraordinary. Members of the Beautify CNMI! coalition challenged themselves to recruit 1,020 volunteers to clean up our island on Oct. 20, 2006. We called this day 1020 on 10/20.

On that fateful day, not 1,020, but over 3,000 people came out to clean up litter from our roads and beaches, paint over graffiti, and plant trees. It was one of my proudest moments knowing that I was a part of it—I was part of something bigger than our community.

In the two years since that day, our people have learned the value of a beautiful, clean island. On an almost weekly basis, we see pictures of community groups, schools, and churches pitching in to do their part to keep our islands beautiful. Our community members are doing this on their own, not at the urging of the government, but because they know it is the right thing to do and because it makes our islands a better place to live and visit.

As a result of this new ethic among our residents, it is a safe bet to say that the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are now the cleanest islands in Micronesia. That is something of which we can all be proud.

In a few days, the people of the Commonwealth will again have the opportunity to be a part of something large with potentially global implications, and it happens to fall on the two-year anniversary of 1020 on 10/20.

The federal government will be holding a public workshop on the proposed Marianas Trench Marine National Monument on Oct. 20 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This will be an opportunity for our people to stand up and tell the federal government and the world that we support the preservation of our marine resources.

Preservation is enshrined in our Constitution. Article XIV, Section II of the CNMI Constitution protects the islands within the proposed Marianas Trench Marine National Monument for the preservation of birds, wildlife, and plants. The constitutional protections do not extend to the marine environment, however, and we now have an opportunity to fulfill the intent of our Constitution by working with the federal government to declare a monument.

I hereby challenge the people of the Commonwealth to come out in support of preservation and the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument.

I hereby declare Oct. 20, 2008, 120 on 10/20.

I call for 120 of our community members to join hands with me on 10/20 to support the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. I challenge at least 120 of you to attend this meeting to show the federal government and the world that we support preservation.

I look forward to seeing you there in your bright orange t-shirt!

Biba Monument! Biba Preservation!

## Letters to the Editor

# We are a team

My recent appointment as the Special Assistant for the Office of Programs and Legislative Review will be a new journey for me. I have occupied various positions in the CNMI government and various organizations where I dealt with the drafting and implementing of laws, policies, and regulations. I believe that these experiences will help me in this new role.

Since I have been assigned to this office, I have been looking to Nace Soalablai, the longest member of this office's team for advice and guidance. Although I have new ideas to bring to the table, I will continue to look to Nace, as well as Michelle Iginoef, for their inputs and recommendations for they are as valuable if not more. We are a team.

**Rose Taman Ada-Hocog**
*Special Assistant for the Office of Programs and Legislative Review*
*Office of the Governor*

## WHY

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the Northern Marianas Trades Institute are both members of a larger organization called the National Center for Construction and Education Research and the University of Florida Construction School. When the student completes his course he will receive a certificate of completion from the NCCER that will be recognized by contractors all over the United States and Guam. In fact this Wednesday I have been invited to speak before the Guam Contractors Association to discuss the institute.

There is much more we could talk about the institute and its goals, but I invite you to call George or me and visit our facilities to see for yourself what we are attempting. Unless we take the initiative to help ourselves, we will never become prosperous again. Yes, outside investors will help but it is us—the people—that must be the backbone of any real and sustainable growth.

Become a supporter of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute and learn a life skill. Recommend someone who you feel will benefit by attending our courses. Please donate to help our people learn skills for a lifetime. We need all the support you can offer. This is a community project!

A Chinese proverb states: "When the wind changes direction, there are those who build walls and those that build windmills." Among us there are those that still insist on building walls against the wind. But many of us understand that by building windmills we will become productive and prosperous. Are you a wall builder or a windmill builder? Change is upon us and we must adapt to it or perish. Become involved!

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲86° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° |

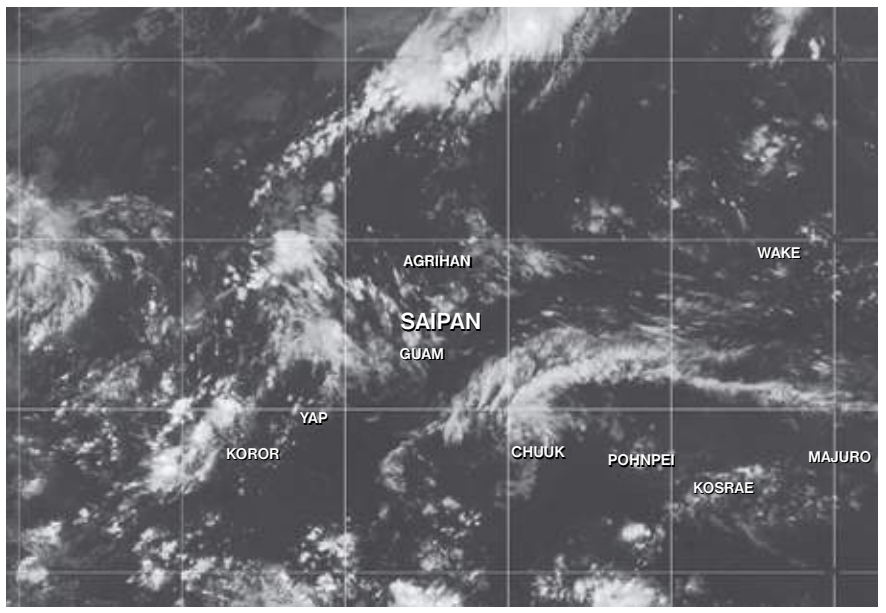
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Mostly Cloudy | ▲85 | ▼76 |
| Palau | Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Partly Sunny | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲88 | ▼78 |
| Pohnpei | Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼73 |
| Kosrae | Partly Sunny | ▲89 | ▼77 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲83 | ▼73 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Mostly Sunny | ▲63 | ▼51 |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | ▲75 | ▼52 |
| Hong Kong | Mostly Cloudy | ▲84 | ▼77 |
| Honolulu | Showers | ▲83 | ▼74 |
| London | Partly Sunny | ▲67 | ▼54 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | ▲84 | ▼56 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| Melbourne | Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼44 |
| Miami | Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼79 |
| New York | Cloudy | ▲72 | ▼58 |
| Osaka | Sunny | ▲72 | ▼52 |
| Paris | Mostly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼52 |
| Pusan | Mostly Sunny | ▲73 | ▼53 |
| Rome | Sunny | ▲76 | ▼55 |
| Salem | Partly Sunny | ▲65 | ▼43 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲80 | ▼52 |
| Seoul | Mostly Sunny | ▲68 | ▼48 |
| Tokyo | Partly Sunny | ▲73 | ▼64 |
| Washington, DC | Mostly Sunny | ▲83 | ▼61 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough reaches northward from 4N132E to 12N131E to 23N133E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring west of Palau within 75 miles of a line from 6N130E to 10N134E. A surface trough extends northeastward from 12N136E to 18N139E. Trade winds converging near and east of the trough are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of the Mariana Islands within an area bounded by a line from 22N139E to 12N142E to 16N135E back to 22N139E. A weak surface trough angles northeastward from 16N147E to 21N149E. Scattered showers are found northeast of the Marianas within 150 miles of the trough axis. A trade-wind disturbance located just north of Chuuk is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 8N and 11N from 150E to 154E.

## Tides

| Saipan Harbor | | |
|---|---|---|
| 12:22AM Today | Low Tide: | 0.5 Feet |
| 6:09AM Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 12:24PM Today | Low Tide: | 0.4 Feet |
| 6:28PM Today | High Tide: | 2.0 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:08AM | 5:58 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:08AM | 5:57 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:09AM | 5:57 PM |
| Thursday | 6:09AM | 5:56 PM |
| Friday | 6:09AM | 5:55 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 4:39PM | 4:18AM |
| Tuesday | 5:20PM | 5:12AM |
| Wednesday | 6:04PM | 6:10AM |
| Thursday | 6:54PM | 7:10AM |
| Friday | 7:49PM | 8:15AM |

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008

### DEPARTURES

**Saipan-Rota**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9597 | 11:50am | 12:25pm | 1,7 |

**Saipan-Guam**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO9317 | 4:00am | 4:50am | Daily |
| CO9313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | Daily |
| CO9597 | 11:50am | 1:20pm | 1,7 via Rota |
| CO9601 | 12:30pm | 1:20pm | Daily |
| CO9603 | 3:30pm | 4:20pm | Daily |
| CO9605 | 6:30pm | 7:20pm | Daily |
| CO9599 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | Daily |

**Saipan-Narita**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 099 | 5:00am | 7:30am | Daily |
| NW 078 | 8:55am | 2:00pm | Daily |
| NW 075 | 4:55pm | 7:25pm | Daily |

**Saipan-Osaka**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 083 | 4:20pm | 6:55pm | Daily |

**Saipan-Nagoya**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 078 | 8:55am | 11:35am | Daily |

**Saipan-Seoul**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 604 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ 604 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2,3,4,5,6,7 |
| OZ 606 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2,4,6,7 |

**Saipan-Busan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 608 | 3:50am | 7:20am | 1,5 |

**Saipan-Shanghai**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM 844 | 3:15am | 5:55am | 2,6 |

**Rota-Guam**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9597 | 12:50pm | 1:20pm | 1,7 |

**Guam-Manila**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 893 | 5:50pm | 9:10pm | 3,5 via Koror |
| CO 933 | 7:00pm | 8:40pm | Daily |
| PR 111 | 6:00am | 7:45am | 1,2,4,6,7 |

### ARRIVALS

**Rota-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9598 | 3:25am | 4:00am | 5,6 |

**Guam-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9316 | 2:30am | 3:20am | Daily |
| CO9598 | 2:30am | 4:00am | 5,6 via Rota |
| CO9596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | Daily |
| CO9600 | 10:20am | 11:10am | Daily |
| CO9602 | 2:00pm | 2:50pm | Daily |
| CO9604 | 5:00pm | 5:50pm | Daily |
| CO9606 | 8:00pm | 8:50pm | Daily |

**Narita-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 076 | 10:15am | 2:50pm | Daily |
| NW 077 | 6:25pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily |
| NW 100 | 8:45pm | 1:20am+1 | Daily |

**Osaka-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 084 | 10:30am | 3:05pm | Daily |

**Nagoya-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NW 077 | 9:00pm | 1:30am+1 | Daily |

**Seoul-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 605 | 9:00am | 2:20pm | Daily |
| OZ 603 | 7:40pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 |
| OZ 603 | 8:10pm | 1:30am+1 | 1,2,3,4,5,6 |

**Busan-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ 607 | 9:30pm | 2:50am+1 | 4,7 |

**Shanghai-Saipan**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FM 843 | 7:50pm | 2:15am+1 | 1,5 |

**Guam-Rota**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 9598 | 2:30am | 3:00am | 5,6 |

**Manila-Guam**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CO 892 | 10:10pm | 5:30am+1 | 3,5 via Koror |
| CO 934 | 10:55pm | 4:30am+1 | Daily |
| PR 110 | 10:20pm | 4:00am+1 | 1,3,5,6,7 |

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| FRE 121 | 4:40pm | 4:50pm | Daily |
| FRE 123 * | 5:40pm | 5:50pm | Daily |
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# Business

# Bush, allies seek to calm jittery investors

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**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Bush and financial leaders from nations rich and poor pledged Saturday to intensify their efforts to unblock a frozen financial system before it does more damage to an increasingly shaky global economy.

While there were no concrete offers of new moves, Bush vowed anew that his administration was doing everything possible to halt the biggest market disruptions since the Great Depression. The finance ministers spoke in unusually somber terms about the need for action.

Bush started the day shortly after daybreak with a Rose Garden appearance with finance ministers from the world's richest countries and later made an unexpected evening visit to the headquarters of the 185-nation International Monetary Fund a few blocks from the White House.

With Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, he participated for about 25 minutes in a discussion with the Group of 20, which includes rich countries and major developing nations such as China, Brazil and India.

Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega said that the president told the finance ministers that he was doing all he could to involve other countries in efforts to resolve the crisis. According to White House spokesman Tony Fratto, Bush acknowledged the problems began in the U.S., with a meltdown of the market for subprime mortgages in the summer of 2007. The president felt it was important to take the rare step of coming to such a meeting because the problems were spreading globally.

"It doesn't matter if you're a rich country or a poor country, a developed country or a developing country - we're all in this together," Bush said, according to Fratto. "We take this seriously, and we want to work with you."

In response, the G-20 countries issued a joint statement in which the finance officials pledged to work together "to overcome the financial turmoil and to deepen cooperation to improve the regulation, supervision and the overall functioning of the world's financial markets."

The financial turmoil also dominated discussions at weekend's annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank.

AP

President Bush pauses during a statement with the G7 Finance Ministers in the Rose Garden of the White House Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, in Washington. From left, Eurogroup Chairman Jean-Claude Juncker, Japanese Finance Minister Shoichi Nakagawa, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Bush, French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde, Canadian Finance Minister James Flaherty, Britian Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling, and Italian Finance Minister Giulio Tremonti.

# What's a crash and are we in one?

By FRANK AHRENS
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**WASHINGTON**—We toss around the terms "bubble" and "crash" fairly easily these days, but what do they mean? Are they just vague words used to describe flush or tough times, or do they have actual meanings? Turns out, it's the latter.

**Q: What is a bubble?**

**A:** Remember the phrase "irrational exuberance" popularized by former Fed chairman Alan Greenspan to describe the stock boom of the 1990s? A bubble is like a gold rush—lots of people trying to make a quick buck by betting that something is going to be valuable. A bubble happens when demand for something, say, a Dutch tulip bulb in 1636 or a tech stock in the 1990s, far exceeds the supply. That inflates the price for the product much higher than it should be compared with what the product is actually worth.

How did a little dial-up Internet company—AOL—buy a huge movie, TV and magazine company—Time Warner—in 2000? Because the tech bubble had pushed AOL stock to nearly $100 per share, probably 10 times what it should have been trading at.

Here's how we knew we were in a housing bubble: Historically, houses sell for about four times a person's disposable income. But in 2006, just before the housing bubble burst, houses were selling for 5.2 times disposable income, said Tim Hanson, senior analyst at the Motley Fool in Alexandria, Va. Now, he said, it's back down to about 4.5 percent.

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**Q: What is a crash?**

**A:** It's when the air comes out of a bubble, when shareholders sell their stock, or outside influence drains value. Sometimes it leaks, sometimes it pops. When we hear the word "crash," we think of a sudden event, like a car crash. Sometimes—such as on Black Monday, Oct. 19, 1987—that's how the stock market crashes. But sometimes the air leaks out of a bubble more slowly and it takes longer to recognize a crash. Generally, a crash is defined as a rapid 20 percent drop in the value of anything. "Rapid" can mean a few or several days, but is used to distinguish between a crash and a soft landing, or slow descent in the economy over a longer period of time. Everyone remembers October 1929. But here are some other big crashes you might not: 1973, 1937, and the panics of 1893 and 1907.

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**Q: So, are we in a crash now?**

**A:** We may be in several crashes right now—stocks, credit, housing, you name it. The key is that everything doesn't necessarily crash at the same time or at the same rate.

"The crisis was caused by the largest leveraged asset bubble and credit bubble in the history of humanity," writes Nouriel Roubini, professor of economics at the New York University Stern School of Business, "where excessive leveraging and bubbles were not limited to housing in the U.S. but also to housing in many other countries and excessive borrowing by financial institutions and some segments of the corporate sector and of the public sector in many and different economies."

Then he goes on to list our bubbles: "A housing bubble, a mortgage bubble, an equity bubble, a bond bubble, a credit bubble, a commodity bubble, a private equity bubble, a hedge funds bubble are all now bursting at once in the biggest real sector and financial sector deleveraging since the Great Depression."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, the tech-heavy Nasdaq and Standard & Poor's 500 each have lost more than 20 percent of their value over the past eight trading days. So, technically, Wall Street is crashing.

But that's not the scary part.

Historically, crashes have behaved pretty much the same way—the thing that crashes loses about 75 percent of its value over time before recovering.

For instance, the Nasdaq peaked at about 5,000 just before the tech bubble burst in March 2000. It bottomed out two years later at about 1,200, having lost 75 percent of its value.

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**Q: Does that mean that we're looking at the eventuality of Dow 4,000?**

**A:** "Dow 4,000 would be an insane extreme, but this will get worse before it gets better," Hanson said. "I say that not with any fundamental evidence, but because the consensus seems to think that and they vote with their dollars in the market."

The housing picture is a little more promising, Hanson said: Your home may lose 20 percent of its value, as it may have already, but the market is not so oversaturated that your house is likely to lose at least 75 percent of its value.

# *Tax rebate, food stamp money possible in aid plan*

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—After consulting with Barack Obama, Democratic leaders are likely to call Congress back to work after the election in hopes of passing legislation that would include extended jobless benefits, money for food stamps and possibly a tax rebate, officials said Saturday.

The bill's total cost could reach $150 billion, these officials said.

The officials stressed that no final decisions have been made. They spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they did not want to pre-empt a formal announcement. House Democrats have announced plans for an economic forum on Monday "to help Congress develop an economic recovery plan that focuses on creating jobs and strengthening our economy."

Democrats said Obama's campaign has been involved in discussions on a possible stimulus package. The party's presidential candidate, running ahead in the polls, has outlined his own proposals for stimulating the economy.

Democrats are increasingly confident of capturing the White House and increasing their majorities in the House and Senate on Nov. 4.

If they are successful, a lame-duck session of Congress two weeks later would allow them to start work on a response to the credit crunch that has sent stock prices plummeting and also threatens to trigger a deep recession. It often takes two or three months for a new Congress to begin turning out legislation, particularly when a new president is settling into the White House.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Euro-zone chiefs meet to coordinate on meltdown

**PARIS** (AP)—European leaders are searching for a common response to the spreading financial crisis which has ricocheted across the Atlantic to their shores. In what could be a complex exercise, 15 European leaders of countries using the euro currency are meeting Sunday afternoon in Paris. The session follows a meeting in Washington Saturday that drew the world's financial leaders and an appeal from President Bush for a global approach to the crisis. So far, European countries have reacted diversely on a case by case basis. German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Saturday that they were opposed to the creation of a common financial rescue fund for Europe similar to the U.S. approved plan.

### Bush visits finance officials, urges cooperation

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Global finance leaders are pledging cooperation between rich and poor nations to deal with a severe credit crisis after President Bush discussed the seriousness of the current situation. The Group of 20 nations, which includes the world's wealthiest nations and the largest developing countries such as China, Brazil and India, issued a joint statement late Saturday night which stressed their resolve to work together to overcome the current financial turmoil. Bush paid an unexpected visit to the group's meeting. Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega said the president had stressed the seriousness of the situation and told the finance ministers he was doing all he could to involve other countries in efforts to resolve the crisis.

# Nation

# About 2,500 flee chemical leak in Pa.

**PETROLIA, Pa.** (AP) -- A corrosive liquid overflowed from a tank at a chemical plant in western Pennsylvania on Saturday, evaporating into a toxic cloud that snaked along the ground and forced about 2,500 to flee. At least three residents were believed to be injured.

A material called oleum, similar to sulfuric acid, leaked from a tank at the Indspec Chemical Corp. plant in Petrolia, said plant manager Dave Dorko.

Authorities were concerned about the potential for respiratory damage and skin burns, said Freda Tarbell, spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Authorities went door to door to warn the 2,500 people living within 2 miles to evacuate. Residents were taken to shelters in nearby towns, and officials said they did not know when they would be allowed to return.

Red Cross officials said they expected to shelter only 50 to 100 people overnight.

No injuries were reported at the plant, where the spill was contained and crews were trying to clean it up. An official at Butler Memorial Hospital, where authorities said three residents were taken, declined to comment.

The dense cloud was reported moving slowly west Saturday night, close to the ground. No further evacuations were planned, but residents in the path were told to remain inside, to close doors, windows and vents, to shut down any system that draws air from the outside, and to put out any fires in fireplaces.

Petrolia is about 40 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

AP

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., waves after a campaign rally in support of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 outside the Capitol in Little Rock, Ark., as retired Gen. Wesley Clark, back left, and Sen. Vic Synder, D-Ark., back right, look on.

## Clintons to campaign for Obama

### McCain tones down rhetoric vs Democratic opponent

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, already leading in the polls, was expected to get a further boost Sunday when former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton, begin making joint campaign appearances on his behalf.

AMERICA VOTES

The nation's best known and most powerful Democrats for nearly two decades will be on the road for Obama, who vanquished Hillary Clinton last spring in a bitter primary contest. The Clintons apparently have put that behind them and will stump for Obama's election.

The Clintons are to appear with Obama's running mate, Joe Biden, at a rally Sunday in the working class town of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The location is meaningful because Biden was born in Scranton and lived there for several years as a child, while Hillary Clinton's father grew up in the town and is buried there.

On Saturday, Republican presidential candidate John McCain toned down his rhetoric against Obama, apparently concerned with angry sloganeering from supporters at some of his rallies—and criticism that he had gone too far.

Obama, in turn, made a slight nod to McCain as he campaigned in Philadelphia and asked voters to have faith in him as the next president.

Even as he criticized McCain's economic proposals, Obama acknowledged that the Republican nominee has begun to ask his supporters to temper their attacks on him.

"I appreciated his reminder that we can disagree while still being respectful of each other," Obama told thousands of supporters at the first of four outdoor rallies in Philadelphia. Police estimated he drew more than 60,000 people to the four events.

## Marriage ruling not the end of debate in Conn.

**HARTFORD, Conn.** (AP)—Now that the Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled same-sex couples have the right to wed, opponents of gay marriage are pinning their hopes on an infrequent ballot question in a long-shot bid to block the unions.

Every 20 years, voters can force a convention during which delegates can rewrite the entire constitution. It's a long, painstaking process that could cost millions and, by coincidence, it's on the ballot this November.

"This is our one opportunity for the people to have a voice, for the people to be heard, for them to decide whether marriage will be protected as between a man and a woman," said Peter Wolfgang, executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut.

On Friday, the state Supreme Court ruled that Connecticut would be the third state, after California and Massachusetts, to allow gay marriage. The court said Connecticut's 2005 civil union law doesn't give same-sex couples the same status as married heterosexual couples.

Unlike California, where next month's ballot referendum will decide whether to outlaw gay marriage, Connecticut voters are being asked to consider only if they want a constitutional convention. If so, convention delegates would be appointed by the state General Assembly, which is largely comprised of Democrats who are sympathetic to same-sex issues.

State Rep. Mike Lawlor, co-chairman of the legislature's Judiciary Committee, said he's not sure everyone understands the constitutional convention process.

"It is a very elaborate, months-long process in which a group of people basically rewrite the whole state constitution," he said. "It costs millions of dollars and requires a special statewide election. If you just want to make a specific amendment to it, which it sounds like they are talking about, then there is a lot easier way to do it."

## Mexican marijuana cartels sully US forests, parks

**PORTERVILLE, Calif.** (AP)—National forests and parks - long popular with Mexican marijuana-growing cartels - have become home to some of the most polluted pockets of wilderness in America because of the toxic chemicals needed to eke lucrative harvests from rocky mountainsides, federal officials said.

The grow sites have taken hold from the West Coast's Cascade Mountains, as well as on federal lands in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Seven hundred grow sites were discovered on U.S. Forest Service land in California alone in 2007 and 2008 - and authorities say the 1,800-square-mile Sequoia National Forest is the hardest hit.

Weed and bug sprays, some long banned in the U.S., have been smuggled to the marijuana farms. Plant growth hormones have been dumped into streams, and the water has then been diverted for miles in PVC pipes.

Rat poison has been sprinkled over the landscape to keep animals away from tender plants. And many sites are strewn with the carcasses of deer and bears poached by workers during the five-month growing season that is now ending.

AP

In this photo provided by the California Department of Fish and Game, irrigation lines from three of the six marijuana plots found at Rube Creek in Tulare County near Tulare, Calif., on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008 totaling approximately 11,000 plants are shown after being removed.

"What's going on on public lands is a crisis at every level," said Forest Service agent Ron Pugh. "These are America's most precious resources, and they are being devastated by an unprecedented commercial enterprise conducted by armed foreign nationals. It is a huge mess."

The first documented marijuana cartels were discovered in Sequoia National Park in 1998. Then, officials say, tighter border controls after Sept. 11, 2001, forced industrial-scale growers to move their operations into the United States.

Millions of dollars are spent every year to find and uproot marijuana-growing operations on state and federal lands, but federal officials say no money is budgeted to clean up the environmental mess left behind after helicopters carry off the plants.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Wildfire threatens homes, wineries in Napa Valley

**ST. HELENA, Calif.** (AP) -- Hundreds of firefighters are battling a wildfire that is threatening homes and wineries in California's Napa Valley. Fire officials say the blaze burned 300 acres in the hills by Saturday evening just outside the wine country town of St. Helena. Full containment was expected Sunday. CalFire spokeswoman Nancy Carniglia says the fire has destroyed at least two structures and threatens 200 homes and several wineries. About 100 residents left their homes voluntarily Friday night, and an evacuation center has been set up at St. Helena High School. The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

### Attorney: Marine fighting extradition from Mexico

**JACKSONVILLE, N.C.** (AP) -- The attorney for a Marine accused of killing a pregnant colleague says his client is fighting extradition to the United States. Dick McNeil says 21-year-old Cpl. Cesar Laurean has filed an extradition appeal in a Mexican court. In September, North Carolina officials said a Mexican court approved returning Laurean to the U.S. Laurean is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach. The 20-year-old from Vandalia, Ohio, was eight months pregnant when she was killed late last year. Her remains were found in Laurean's backyard near North Carolina's Camp Lejeune where both Marines served as clerks. Laurean was arrested in Mexico in April.

### Washington weighs lethal meds for terminally ill

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** (AP)—The emotionally charged battle over end-of-life decisions has taken to the airwaves as Washington state voters decide whether to allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication to terminally ill patients. Recent TV and radio ads by opponents feature actor Martin Sheen, who calls the measure a "dangerous idea" that could be used by the most vulnerable in society. Supporters are on TV with an ad spotlighting a widow who says it lets those who are suffering have control over their final days. With both sides having raised a combined $3.5 million, much of it still unspent, more ads are expected in the coming weeks. The measure would allow physicians in Washington state to help terminally ill patients end their lives. Oregon, where voters first approved the idea in 1994, is the only state with such a law.

# Asia

# More than 100 Taliban killed in Afghan clashes

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** (AP)—An Afghan official says more than 100 militants have been killed in separate battles in southern Afghanistan.

Daud Ahamdi, the spokesman for Helmand province's governor, says 62 militants were killed early Sunday by Afghan soldiers and NATO airstrikes after they launched a surprise attack on the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

Ahmadi says another 40 militants were killed in three days of clashes and airstrikes in Helmand's Nad Ali district, which has been under militant control until now. That battle ended Saturday.

Ahmadi says there were no casualties among Afghan or foreign troops.

Southern Afghanistan is the center of the Taliban-led insurgency, which has claimed over 4,700 lives, most of them militants.

## Somali pirates release 2 more Filipino seamen; still hold 45

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP) _ Somali pirates have freed two more Filipino sailors, leaving 45 on two other ships still in their hands, a Philippine official said Saturday.

Foreign Undersecretary Esteban Conejos said the two men were among 29 crew members on the Iranian bulk carrier *Iran Deyanat* freed late Friday. The ship was hijacked Aug. 21 in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia's coast.

Conejos said the crewmen were reportedly "safe and in good condition" and the ship was sailing to Muscat, Oman.

He said they were expected to reach Oman by Monday.

It was not clear if a ransom was paid, but hostages in Somalia are usually freed in exchange for money.

On Thursday, the Japanese-operated bulk carrier *Stella Maris* and its 20 Filipino crew members were released after being held by pirates for more than 80 days.

The Philippines has been hard hit by the sharp rise in pirate attacks off Somalia.

Earlier this week, the Philippine government doubled the pay of sailors passing through pirate-infested international waters to compensate them for the dangers they face. Filipino sailors also were given the option to disembark at the nearest safe port before their vessels sail through dangerous waters like the Gulf of Aden.

Vice President Noli de Castro, who is also President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's adviser on overseas Filipino workers, is pushing for other measures to safeguard Filipino seamen, including increasing their insurance coverage.

More than 270,000 Filipinos work on foreign vessels, accounting for about a third of the world's shipping crews.

Government records show 117 Filipino crewmen have been seized by Somali pirates in 11 attacks since April. There were 20 Filipinos seized in one incident in 2006 and 10 in two attacks last year.

**SYNCHRONIZED BREASTFEEDING** AP

More than 500 mothers breastfeed their children of different ages during the Second Synchronized Breastfeeding Worldwide Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, in Marikina City, east of Manila, Philippines. Held in different parts of the country, the event links thousands of Filipino mothers with mothers in other countries in a global effort to educate people on the benefits of breastfeeding amidst the scandal involving melamine-tainted milk from China.

## N. Korea off US blacklist after nuke inspection deal

By MATTHEW LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—After North Korea relented on nuclear inspection demands, the U.S. on Saturday erased from a terrorism blacklist the communist country President Bush once branded part of an "axis of evil."

The U.S. step, assailed by some conservatives who say it is sketchy and rewards North Korea's bad behavior, is aimed at salvaging a faltering disarmament accord before President Bush leaves office in January.

State Department officials said the inspection agreement and the decision to take North Korea off the state sponsors of terrorism list were in the interests of national security and consistent with the "action for action" principle of the negotiations.

Bush approved the action on Friday and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice followed suit Saturday.

"Every single element of verification that we sought going in is part of this package," her spokesman, Sean McCormack, told reporters at a rare weekend briefing. The North's removal from the list was effective immediately.

The terrorism designation - now shared only by Cuba, Iran, Syria and Sudan - carries severe penalties. But U.S. officials said North Korea would not see any immediate benefit because it is punished under other programs and could return to the list if it does not comply with the inspections.

## US controls bird flu vaccines over bioweapon fears

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—When Indonesia's health minister stopped sending bird flu viruses to a research laboratory in the U.S. for fear Washington could use them to make biological weapons, Defense Secretary Robert Gates laughed and called it "the nuttiest thing" he'd ever heard.

Yet deep inside an 86-page supplement to United States export regulations is a single sentence that bars U.S. exports of vaccines for avian bird flu and dozens of other viruses to five countries designated "state sponsors of terrorism."

The reason: Fear that they will be used for biological warfare.

Under this little-known policy, North Korea, Iran, Cuba, Syria and Sudan may not get the vaccines unless they apply for special export licenses, which would be given or refused according to the discretion and timing of the U.S. Three of those nations—Iran, Cuba and Sudan—also are subject to a ban on all human pandemic influenza vaccines as part of a general U.S. embargo.

The regulations, which cover vaccines for everything from Dengue fever to the Ebola virus, have raised concern within the medical and scientific communities. Although they were quietly put in place more than a decade ago, they could now be more relevant because of recent concerns about bird flu. Officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said they were not even aware of the policies until contacted by The Associated Press last month and privately expressed alarm.

AP

In this June 5, 2008 file photo, chickens look out of their pen in a downtown neighborhood in Jakarta, Indonesia.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Kashmir shuts down in protest as Indian PM visits

**SRINAGAR, India** (AP)—Shops, businesses and schools were shut in the Indian portion of Kashmir on Saturday to protest a visit by the Indian prime minister who inaugurated the first train line in the disputed Himalayan region. The visit by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to meet with pro-Indian political parties comes amid a wave of unrest that has included some of the largest protests against Indian rule in two decades. On Friday, police fatally shot two people as thousands of Muslims protested Singh's arrival. At least 75 others, including 34 security personnel, were injured in the clashes. The Jammu-Kashmir Coordination Committee, a coalition of Muslim separatists and local business leaders, called for a strike Saturday in the region's main city, Srinagar, to protest Singh's visit.

### Officials: 3 killed in missile strike in Pakistan

**DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan** (AP)—A suspected U.S. missile strike killed five tribesmen in a Pakistani town close to the Afghan border, the latest in a series of attacks in a region where top al-Qaida leaders are believed to be living, two intelligence officials said. Two unmanned drones were seen above Miran Shah in north Waziristan minutes before missiles hit a house near a factory late Saturday, the officials said, based on reports from informants in the town. The intelligence officials said there were no indications that any foreign militants were among the victims. They said initial reports put the death toll at three, but later two more bodies were recovered from rubble of the house of a local tribeman.

### Aide: Dalai Lama to be released from hospital soon

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—The Dalai Lama is likely to be discharged from the hospital in the next few days, a senior aide said Saturday, a day after surgeons removed gallstones from the Tibetan spiritual leader. "He had a minor surgery so he's resting," Tenzin Takhla said. "He's doing very well." Takhla said the Nobel Prize-winning Buddhist leader was likely to be released from the hospital Monday or Tuesday. The Dalai Lama was hospitalized in New Delhi on Thursday. He had arrived earlier in the week for a checkup and doctors suggested that he have the gallstones, which he has had for more than a decade, removed, Takhla said. Doctors have also cleared the Dalai Lama, 73, to resume foreign travels, Takhla said.

# World

# At least 12 killed after quake hits Chechnya

**ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia** (AP)—A strong earthquake hit Chechnya and other parts of Russia's North Caucasus Saturday, killing at least 12 people and damaging scores of hospitals, schools and other buildings, emergency officials said.

The quake hit around 1 p.m. (0900 GMT) and was centered northeast of the Chechen capital, Grozny, Russian emergency officials said. The U.S. Geological Survey said the temblor had a magnitude of 5.3.

At least 12 people were killed in the quake and a series of aftershocks, which were felt throughout the North Caucasus and which rattled Grozny for more than 30 seconds, the regional Emergency Situations Ministry office said. The toll was expected to rise as officials got information from outlying districts.

Most victims were killed by falling debris or furniture in homes and apartment buildings, said Oleg Grekov, a regional emergency official. More than 60 people sought medical help in the hardest hit Chechen towns, which included Grozny and Gudermes, he said.

Russia's Caucasus Mountain region only sees occasional earthquakes. Most buildings are not reinforced against severe structural shocks and even small quakes can cause serious damage.

Emergency officials said buildings in some districts saw serious structural damage, including hospitals in two Chechen districts.

Chechnya is one of Russia's poorest regions, having suffered through two devastating wars in the past 15 years. Many people in the region are unemployed, and sporadic fighting between separatist rebels and federal and regional forces erupts regularly.

**BIRD OF THE YEAR** AP

A photo provided by the NABU on Friday, Oct. 10, 2008 shows a kingfisher. The kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) was named 'Bird of the year 2009' by Germany's NABU–a nature and biodiversity conversation union–during a news conference in Berlin on Friday, Oct. 10, 2008.

# Official: 3,000 Christians flee Iraq's Mosul

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Hundreds of terrified Christian families have fled Mosul to escape extremist attacks that have increased despite months of U.S. and Iraqi military operations to secure the northern Iraqi city, political and religious officials said Saturday.

Some 3,000 Christians have fled the city over the past week alone in a "major displacement," said Duraid Mohammed Kashmoula, the governor of northern Iraq's Ninevah province. He said most have left for churches, monasteries and the homes of relatives in nearby Christian villages and towns.

"The Christians were subjected to abduction attempts and paid ransom, but now they are subjected to a killing campaign," Kashmoula said, adding he believed "al-Qaida" elements were to blame and called for a renewed drive to root them out.

Political and religious leaders interviewed said the change in tactics may reflect a desire on the part of extremists to forcibly evict all Christians from Iraq's third largest city.

Earlier this week, Chaldean Archbishop Louis Sako said he was worried about what he termed a "campaign of killings and deportations against the Christian citizens in Mosul."

Mosul police have reported finding the bullet-riddled bodies of seven Christians in separate attacks so far this month, the latest a day laborer found on Wednesday. On Saturday, militants blew up three abandoned Christian homes in eastern Mosul, police said.

Father Bolis Jacob of Mosul's Mar Afram Church said he was at a loss to understand the violence. "We respect the Islamic religion and the Muslim clerics," he said. "We don't know under what religion's pretexts these terrorists work."

# Ex-volunteers angry at Peace Corps Bolivia pullout

It took Ellen Arnstein the better part of two years to win the trust of the people of Camargo, a farming town of 5,000 in southeastern Bolivia.

The mayor agreed to partially fund the Peace Corps volunteer's proposal to have children plant fruit trees at their school. Arnstein, 27, was about to be interviewed by a local TV crew when she got the call: The Peace Corps was pulling all 113 of its volunteers out of Bolivia.

"I just started crying. I was like, I don't want to go!" recalled Arnstein, a native of Monroe, N.Y., as she sat in a cafe in Lima, Peru. She is among more than 70 volunteers who left the Corps, having nearly completed their two-year stints, rather than start over in a different country.

The hasty pullout came directly on the heels of Bolivian President Evo Morales' Sept. 10 expulsion of the U.S. ambassador for allegedly inciting opposition protests. Arnstein was among disappointed volunteers who believe their government overreacted, hurting U.S. interests with the blanket withdrawal. True, some parts of Bolivia were dangerously unstable, but most volunteers felt no security threat, several told The Associated Press.

"Peace Corps, unfortunately, has become another weapon in the U.S. diplomatic arsenal," said Sarah Nourse, 27, of Mechanicsville, Md., another volunteer who opted out.

Nourse had been developing trash management projects in a small town in the eastern state of Santa Cruz, the center of opposition to the leftist Morales. She questioned the wisdom of depriving Bolivians of a rare firsthand opportunity to weigh Morales' anti-U.S. rhetoric against real Americans. ***(AP)***

# Kenya's elephants send text messages to rangers

**OL PEJETA, Kenya** (AP)—The text message from the elephant flashed across Richard Lesowapir's screen: Kimani was heading for neighboring farms.

The huge bull elephant had a long history of raiding villagers' crops during the harvest, sometimes wiping out six months of income at a time. But this time a mobile phone card inserted in his collar sent rangers a text message. Lesowapir, an armed guard and a driver arrived in a jeep bristling with spotlights to frighten Kimani back into the Ol Pejeta conservancy.

Kenya is the first country to try elephant texting as a way to protect both a growing human population and the wild animals that now have less room to roam. Elephants are ranked as "near threatened" in the Red List, an index of vulnerable species published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The race to save Kimani began two years ago. The Kenya Wildlife Service had already reluctantly shot five elephants from the conservancy who refused to stop crop-raiding, and Kimani was the last of the regular raiders. The Save the Elephants group wanted to see if he could break the habit.

So they placed a mobile phone SIM card in Kimani's collar, then set up a virtual "geofence" using a global positioning system that mirrored the conservatory's boundaries. Whenever Kimani approaches the virtual fence, his collar texts rangers.

They have intercepted Kimani 15 times since the project began. Once almost a nightly raider, he last went near a farmer's field four months ago.

It's a huge relief to the small farmers who rely on their crops for food and cash for school fees. Basila Mwasu, a 31-year-old mother of two, lives a stone's throw from the conservancy fence. She and her neighbors used to drum through the night on pots and pans in front of flaming bonfires to try to frighten the elephants away.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Mercurial Austrian rightist dead in car crash

**VIENNA, Austria** (AP)—Joerg Haider, who catapulted his rightist anti-immigration party into a powerful force with sharp attacks on rivals and provocative praise of the Nazi era, died Saturday in a car accident. He was 58. His death on a little traveled stretch of a southern highway left Austria without one of its best-known politicians—a figure whose strident rhetoric that sometimes sounded contemptuous of Jews once led to months of international isolation for the Alpine republic. Alone at the wheel, Haider was overtaking another motorist when his car veered off the road, crashing into a concrete pillar and overturning. He died of multiple injuries.

### Italian woman in right-to-die case worsens

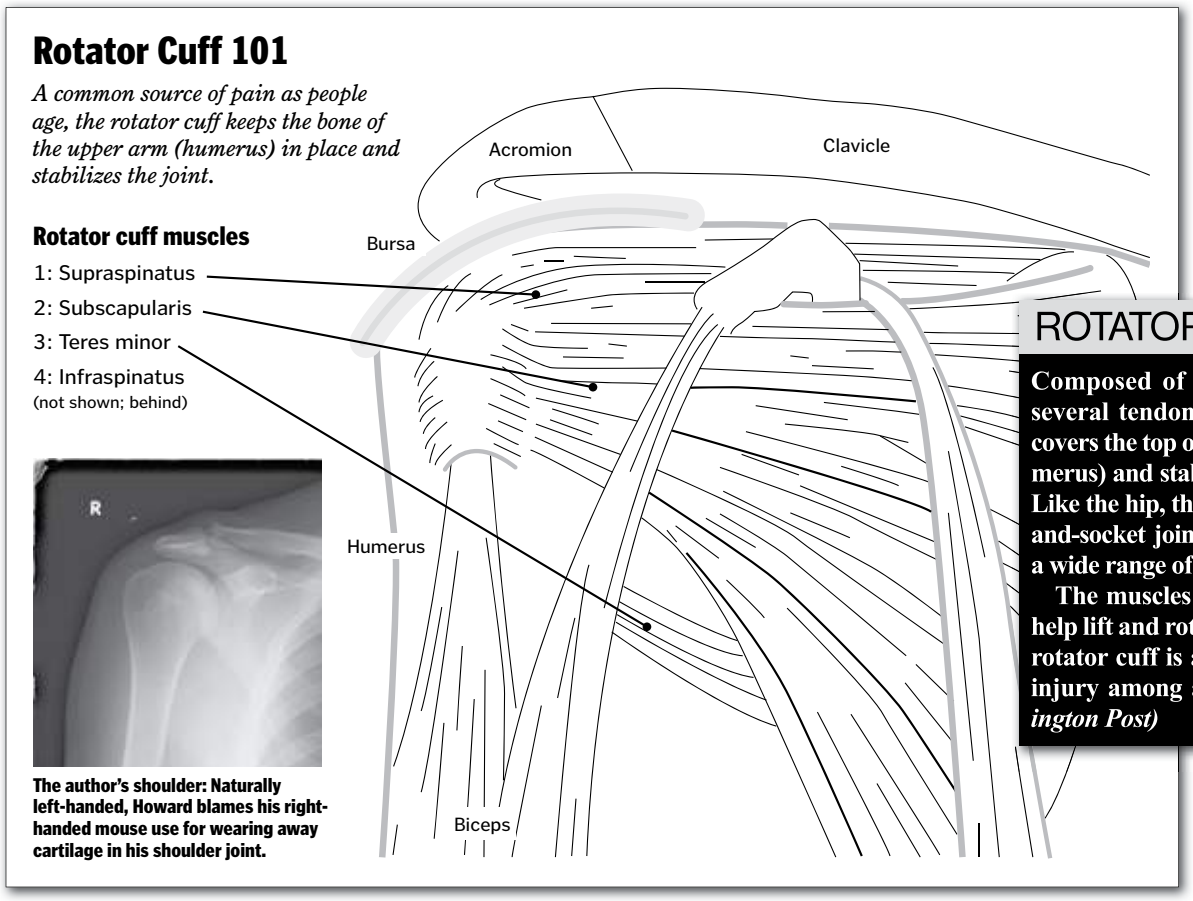
**ROME** (AP)—The condition of an Italian woman at the center of a right-to-die case worsened after she suffered a massive hemorrhage, doctors said Saturday. Eluana Englaro has been in a vegetative state for 16 years and her father has led a protracted court battle to disconnect her feeding tube, insisting it was her wish. This summer a Milan court granted his request, setting off a political storm in this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country. Italy does not allow euthanasia, but patients have a right to refuse treatment. Carlo Alberto Defanti, Englaro's doctor, told reporters gathered Saturday at a clinic in northern Italy that over the last two days Englaro had been bleeding from her uterus.

### Hundreds evacuate as hurricane nears Mexico

**PUERTO SAN CARLOS, Mexico** (AP)—Hurricane Norbert barreled toward the Mexican mainland early Sunday after tearing off roofs and forcing hundreds of people to flee widespread flooding on the Baja California peninsula. It hit land near Puerto Charley on Baja's southwest coast as a Category 2 hurricane, but weakened to Category 1 after emerging over the Gulf of California, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. Norbert was expected to reach mainland Mexico sometime before dawn. Baja residents fled to shelters in school buses and army trucks as floodwaters rose in their homes. Winds uprooted palm trees and the water rose knee-high in some streets of the town of Puerto San Carlos.

# Health & Fitness

# Shouldering a heavy load


Rotator Cuff 101
A common source of pain as people age, the rotator cuff keeps the bone of the upper arm (humerus) in place and stabilizes the joint.
Rotator cuff muscles
1: Supraspinatus
2: Subscapularis
3: Teres minor
4: Infraspinatus
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Acromion
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Humerus
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The author's shoulder: Naturally left-handed, Howard blames his right-handed mouse use for wearing away cartilage in his shoulder joint.

The rotator cuff is a common source of pain as people age. THE WASHINGTON POST

**ROTATOR CUFF**

**Composed of four muscles and several tendons, the rotator cuff covers the top of the arm bone (humerus) and stabilizes the shoulder. Like the hip, the shoulder is a ball-and-socket joint, designed to offer a wide range of movement.**

**The muscles of the rotator cuff help lift and rotate the arm. A torn rotator cuff is a common, painful injury among adults.** ***(The Washington Post)***

**By HOWARD SCHNEIDER**
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In the 1960s, Douglas Engelbart invented the computer mouse, an ingenious device that evolved into a cheap, mass-produced and pretty much unavoidable tool of modern office life. It is, I feel, a likely culprit for the nagging pain that has developed in my right shoulder in the past year or so.

If you want a surefire way to start a conversation with anyone older than 40, talk about shoulders. Maybe half will have had a problem, and of those who haven't, many can expect to as they age. The symptoms can range from an annoying twinge to a deep throb that interferes with sleep to a loss of motion.

In my case, wear and tear on the AC joint, where the part of the shoulder blade called the acromion meets the clavicle, has worn away the cushion of cartilage between the two bones, the condition known as osteoarthritis. More problematic (at least in my case) is the rotator cuff: a set of four small muscles that help hold the arm in the shoulder socket and stabilize it as it moves.

Why is the shoulder so vulnerable?

It is perhaps the most complicated joint in the body, responsible for the movement of a limb that is designed to go through a wide range of motion in several planes. (To get a sense of the shoulder's diversity, try tracing the same lines in the air with your knee or foot that you can with your hand.) What's more, it does this while fighting gravity.

Modern life hasn't helped. Even with a desk, computer and chair arrangement that complies with Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommendations, how many of us still hunch over our keyboards? That position prevents the muscles of the upper and middle back from doing their jobs—part of which is to support the scapula (the shoulder blade) and synchronize it with the motion of the arm. If you use your arms and hands while in this position, the rotator cuff muscles end up under duress.

Multiply stress and bad habits over a couple of decades, add poor posture and a decline in blood flow associated with aging, and the shoulder becomes a breeding ground for aches and pains.

Fortunately, rotator cuff injuries do not typically involve the type of full tears that baseball pitchers or other athletes suffer (or that might occur in a severe weight room trauma), and therefore don't require surgery. Instead they can be treated with an assortment of rehabilitation strategies.

In my second session with physical therapist Patrick Kennelly, he was able to massage and loosen the muscle beneath the shoulder blade, and it made an immediate difference once that part of the body could move more freely.

He also recommended shoulder and upper-back exercises, some of which seemed to be taken straight from the yoga playbook; a sequence done with the knees and one hand on the ground, for example, that involved extending the arm in front of the head, threading it under the body and then lifting it to the sky.

## *Shoulder Maintenance* 101

**By HOWARD SCHNEIDER**
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There's no reason to wait for an injury to pay attention to your shoulders (particularly the rotator cuffs), your upper back and the muscles that assist them. Below, four experts offer advice about how to keep the shoulder healthy.

### WATCH THE WORKPLACE

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends positioning the computer so the top of the monitor is at eye level, with close-in support for elbows so the keyboard can be used without extending the arms. Practice good posture, so the weight of the upper body is carried in the upper back, not transferred to the shoulders.

Consider chest-press-style moves that are done standing and with rubber bands or tubing, a more dynamic approach that trains the parts of the upper body to work together, as opposed to standard exercises that isolate a particular muscle. Do one arm at a time to increase rotation.

For upper-back flexibility, stand in a doorway with one foot on a chair and the hand from the same side on the wall above the doorjamb. With the other arm, reach up and across the body.

**—Patrick Kennelly, physical therapist, SMARTherapy in Chevy Chase, Md.**

### TRY RESISTANCE EXERCISE

Internal and external rotation exercises are key. Standing and using exercise bands or tubing fixed to a door handle, wall or other stable object, bend the elbow at 90 degrees, hold the elbow against your waist, and rotate the forearm internally across the body, using a resistance that will fatigue the shoulder after about 15 repetitions. Then face the other way and rotate externally to the side. Repeat both directions with the other arm. The same motions can be done with light dumbbells, lying on your side.

For general joint health, do resistance exercises that focus on the "eccentric" or "negative" phase — when a weight is lowered and the muscle lengthens — as opposed to the lifting phase. Your muscles can handle more weight in this phase, and it strengthens tendons and ligaments better. To work eccentrically in a bicep curl, for example, use both hands to get the weight to the top of the movement, then lower it with one. For a chest press, you may need a workout partner to help get the weight to the starting position.

**—Richard Jackson, physical therapist, the Jackson Clinics**

### WARM UP THE ROTATOR CUFF

Give the rotator cuff its own warm-up before exercise. Lean over a table or chair or some other object so one hand can give support. Holding a light weight, swing the free arm back and forth, from side to side and in circles. Also, press a light ball to the wall with your arm at 90 degrees to your body, and roll it in all directions.

Be cautious with the overhead "military press," a common shoulder exercise. If you do it, hold dumbbells with the palms turned toward the ears, rather than the classic palms-forward position, to decrease strain on the rotator cuff and lower the risk of impingement.

Train the upper back, particularly with exercises that involve "scapular depression," basically the motion that makes you pinch your shoulder blades. Rows, pull-downs and similar moves will make sure the muscles surrounding the shoulder blade are strong enough to move it properly and to keep pressure off the rotator cuff.

**—Jay Greenstein, chiropractor, Sport and Spine Rehab**

### STRETCHING IS KEY

Do lots of internal- and external-rotation strengthening: four sets of as many as 20 repetitions each.

And lots of stretching: Hold a broom or piece of plastic pipe behind your head, pointing down, and grab it with the other hand. Gently pull with the upper hand until you feel the stretch, hold it briefly and relax. Repeat 30 times.

For anyone older than 30, Moorman warns against the classic military press, triceps dips and any exercise with too wide a grip. For push-ups, he recommends keeping the hands closer to the body. For the chest press, position the hands closer in on the bar.

**—T. Moorman, director of sports medicine, Duke University Medical School**

## Setting an example

**Q: After years of inactivity, I now exercise five days a week, eat clean and consider myself to have a healthy lifestyle. My very good friend visits me before and after my workouts, but will not join me. She is overweight, does not exercise and eats poorly, and I am concerned about her health. How can I encourage her to begin to exercise and care about her health?**

**A:** Living a healthy lifestyle is easier for some people than for others, and it can be challenging to have people in your life who do not share your lifestyle. The key is to continue to be a good example of living healthy while finding ways to be subtle and encourage your friend to adopt new habits.

As you may have found out with your friend, you have to allow for people to change when they are ready. Encourage your friend without becoming too pushy. Share your stories of when you first began to exercise and how it took time for you to adapt to a lifestyle of exercise and eating well. Share recipes your friend would enjoy that are more healthful than what she may be eating. Just because your friend has not yet decided to embrace your healthy lifestyle does not mean she has not noticed the benefits you have received from your commitment.

Continue to invite your friend to exercise when you're doing a workout that she can do successfully. Walking around the block while discussing the news of the day can be a way to exercise while visiting with each other. Begin with a short walk that your friend can complete, and then gradually increase the time or distance.

Another way to start the process could be finding a fun race/walk for a charity that you and your friend can sign up for together and plan a training schedule. Many cities have 5k race/walk events to raise money. Find a cause that is important to you and your friend and begin to train for the race. Most races are noncompetitive and offer a light and motivating environment with novice and experienced participants racing together. This can be a great way to get your friend moving for a cause and directing her focus beyond her personal fitness status.

Use your personal experience to find creative ways to encourage your friend to exercise and eat well. Remember what factors played a role in your moving from being inactive to active, and incorporate those instances to help your friend. Share stories of your experiences and little tips to make her journey easier and realistic.

We would like for all of our family and friends to live a healthy and happy lifestyle. Just as you made a choice to make this a priority in your life, your friend will also have to personally make this choice. Continue to live a positive lifestyle and be a great example to your friend until she is ready to make a change. In the meantime, keep moving.

*Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. If you have a fitness or training question, write to Andrea in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.*

# Life & Style

## Counting cards: NY collection includes 6,356 decks

By JENNIFER PELTZ
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Italian tarot cards from the 1600s are displayed at Columbia University in New York, Tuesday, May 20, 2008. AP

The collection spans 50 countries and four centuries and touches on subjects ranging from beer marketing to 19th-century Portuguese politics.

Columbia University has a collection of playing cards that is among the world's largest, a trove of 6,356 decks that the Ivy League institution painstakingly catalogued this spring after they were donated to the school by an eccentric collector.

Ranging from simple woodblock prints from 1550s Austria to a 1963 American pack with admiring caricatures of the Kennedy family, the collection isn't just a novelty, but a rich, if offbeat, resource for research. Scholars say cards can be useful records of social history, depicting how cultural touchstones, political figures and historical events were seen in their times.

"They're kind of wacky and different for us," said Columbia rare-book librarian Jane Rodgers Siegel, but "once you actually start looking at the cards, they're just fascinating."

The collection is a significant addition to playing-card repositories held by libraries, museums and other institutions around the world. London's Guildhall Library has a similar-sized collection, curator John Fisher said; some other institutions boast as many as 10,000 decks, according to the International Playing-Cards Society, a group of collectors and enthusiasts.

The earliest European references to playing cards date to the 1300s, though a domino-like form emerged earlier in China.

Besides fueling countless parlor games and wagers, cards have served as souvenirs, erotica, satire, fortunetelling tools, advertising for everything from airlines to suspenders, and educational primers. A 1677 English pack in Columbia's collection is crammed with facts about places from China to Florida.

Cards also have trumpeted propaganda—Columbia's holdings include a World War I-era German deck sketching such scenes as "Zeppelin Uber England," for instance. More recently, cards have been used to try to solve crimes, on "cold case" packs distributed to prison inmates in hopes of eliciting tips.

Columbia's collection was the result of a bequest from a man almost as colorful as his cards: schoolteacher, author, mountain climber, nudist and Salvador Dali archivist Albert Field, who died in 2003.

For Field, cards were part of a ravenous appetite for collecting that extended to transit tokens and bus transfers, said Frank Hunter, a longtime friend and partner in Field's work as an authenticator of Dali's prints.

Field's interests ranged from hiking—he traversed a good deal of the Appalachian Trail, and in the nude, no less—to mystery novels, Hunter said. Field believed he had solved a legendary literary whodunit, Charles Dickens' unfinished "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," and was trying to get his analysis published when he died at 86, according to his friend.

A Columbia graduate who taught English and science in New York City schools, "he liked the idea of scholarly pursuits, using your mind, and that's what he did most of his life," said Hunter, who continues Field's work as director of the Salvador Dali Archives in New York.

Field struck up an acquaintance with Dali after being captivated by his art. After Field asked Dali whether anyone was tracking his growing output of lithographs and other prints, the surrealist invited Field to do so in the 1950s, said Joan Kropf, deputy director of the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Field published an official catalog of Dali's prints in 1996 and became a sought-after authority on Dali fakes, serving as an expert in more than a dozen art-fraud cases. Some art dealers and lawyers complained that he lacked formal training in art or appraising, but others defended his self-taught knowledge.

Field started amassing playing cards because they were the only mementos he could find on a post-World War II trip to ravaged Europe, Hunter said.

Over time, packs and mounted sheets of cards came to fill cabinets and shelves in Field's Queens home. He pored over water marks, printing techniques, tax stamps and other details to date his acquisitions, logging the particulars on special index cards.

## Writers find inspiration in Kerouac's Orlando home

**ORLANDO, Fla.** (AP)—This city in a region of mouse ears and outlet malls was once home to Jack Kerouac, and it may be incubating a successor.

Five decades ago, the Beat Generation author wrote "The Dharma Bums" in 11 days in a small, tin-roofed house near downtown Orlando and received the first glowing reviews of "On The Road."

Now his old digs house the Jack Kerouac Writer in Residence Project, which brings emerging authors to live and work in the home for three-month stints - not to create Kerouac clones, but to give them the opportunity to develop their own style.

"It's the idea of not only celebrating Kerouac's history in Florida, but also creating a living legacy to him," said local TV reporter Bob Kealing, who helped start the program after learning of the house's history in 1996.

He and other local residents established a nonprofit corporation, purchased and restored the home and then began selecting writers. Most recently, organizers said, about 80 writers applied for the program, which includes a stipend.

Many writers said they set out not to work as Kerouac did, but rather to draw inspiration from his space.

"I feel like that would really screw me up if I was trying to work as he did," former writer-in-residence Justin Quarry said. "I'm going to be my own writer anyway, in my own voice. So I would rather be writing beside his spirit than in his shadow."

Kerouac Project writers said the time they are given to work in the cozy 90-year-old house is more than offered in other residencies, such as New York's Yaddo and the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire. The house also provides a rare isolation that allows for focus.

"I had been given this gift of time and the availability, and the inspiration of Jack Kerouac living here," said Darlyn Finch, an Orlando poet who lived in the house from December 2006 to February 2007. "You don't want to blow that. You want to make the most of it, so I made the determination that I was going to write a poem a day. And I did. They weren't all good ones, but I did write a poem every day I was here."

Liza Monroy, who worked in the house during the summer of 2007, used her time to edit her debut novel, "Mexican High." For Monroy - who said she preferred to work in Kerouac's cramped bedroom - being picked for the project helped validate her work.

"The fact that I got in is what really pushed me to finish the novel and see it as something other people besides me would be interested in reading," Monroy said.

The home has been remodeled since Kerouac lived there from July 1957 to the following spring. Kealing said the home was in shambles when he found it a decade ago.

"It was a firetrap," he said. "The little back yard was carpeted with AstroTurf. There was old bric-a-brac everywhere. When I got to the backdoor, there were squirrels running out."

Kerouac, who grew up in Massachusetts and then lived in New York, arrived in Orlando just before the release of "On the Road," a largely autobiographical book about trips around the country he took with friends that became a major hit and literary landmark for the Beat Generation.

He lived at the rear of the house, in what was then a small, attached apartment. There he wrote "The Dharma Bums," which examined time he spent in the Pacific Northwest with his Buddhist friend.

The bedroom of the apartment now serves as a secluded workplace, with pistachio-colored walls, a simple bed and humble wooden desk.

The main part of the house is warm and inviting, with a brilliant jade living room and cheerful kitchen. Writers don't have to sleep in Kerouac's quarters; there is a larger bedroom available, which also has less baggage attached.

"I don't really believe in ghosts or whatever, but I don't know," Quarry said. "I don't know about sleeping back there."

Kerouac, who died in 1969 in St. Petersburg at age 47, certainly isn't the only writer to call Florida home, and some of the state's famous writers' homes have become true attractions. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' north Florida home is now part of a state park and tourists still pay homage to Ernest Hemingway at his home in Key West, with its famed six-toed cats.

Still, Kerouac's quaint home in the College Park neighborhood - first carved from orange groves and farmland in the early 1900s - stands in stark contrast to images many outsiders would associate with Orlando's outskirts: theme parks and prefabricated perfection.

"It's really become a cultural touchstone for the city of Orlando," Kealing said. "Where people can say 'History really does exist here.'"

# Monument, Capitol could get company in DC skyline

By BRIAN WESTLEY
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**WASHINGTON** (AP)—No skyscrapers jut from this low-lying federal city, allowing iconic buildings like the Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol to dominate the horizon.

However, the historically sparse skyline might not stay that way.

As vacant land disappears in Washington, concerns about high real estate prices are fueling debate on whether developers should be allowed to build taller, which is prevented under a century-old law.

Land scarcity and concerns about the need to curb suburban sprawl have even spawned talk of eventually bringing office towers to a city long known for its picturesque views, sunlit streets and compact buildings. Within 15 years, according to one analysis, no more space will be available in a 3.5-mile stretch from Georgetown to Capitol Hill.

Christopher Leinberger, a land use strategist and visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution think tank, warns that unless more room is found, the artificial cap on space will further inflate already soaring downtown real estate prices, which rank second behind Manhattan.

As a result, only the wealthiest businesses and residents will be able to stay in Washington, stunting the city's tax base.

Contrary to popular lore, the city's low-lying skyline has nothing to do with preserving the prominence of the Washington Monument's 555-foot stone obelisk.

In fact, Congress - which has oversight over the capital - passed the Height Act of 1910 in response to residents' outrage over the 14-story Cairo apartment building erected in 1894 near Dupont Circle, towering over nearby rowhouses. Besides concerns about aesthetics, there also was a desire to prevent buildings from becoming too tall for fire engine ladders.

The law limits building heights to the width of the adjacent street plus 20 feet. There have been several exceptions to allow for construction of the National Cathedral and Georgetown University Hospital. Otherwise, the Height Act has capped most buildings at 130 feet, though heights of 160 feet are permitted on certain areas of Pennsylvania Avenue.

For plenty of influential Washington planners, the idea of altering the city's skyline borders on blasphemy.

"I think it's very important to recognize the real uniqueness of Washington's physical character, certainly compared to any other American city," said Thomas Luebke, the secretary of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. He called the city's skyline "a national symbol."

Critics also include Marcel Acosta, executive director of the National Capital Planning Commission. He argues that unlike parts of New York and Chicago, Washington's streets are much more welcoming to pedestrians, thanks to plentiful sunlight.

"In a world of cookie-cutter cities, this is one of our great advantages," he said.

Still, Gerry Widdicombe, director of economic development for the Downtown DC Business Improvement District, said the city's height restrictions will get increasing attention as space for new development continues to shrink.

The nonprofit group projects that 57 million square feet of space remains for offices, shops and apartments in central Washington. Whether that space vanishes in 15 years, or perhaps 30, could depend on how badly the city is affected by an economic downturn, Widdicombe said.

## Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

By JILL JACKSON
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**HOLLYWOOD**—Almost every reporter has a story about Marilyn Monroe. I have several. I was young and an eager beaver and the Hollywood reporter for the New Orleans Times-Picayune. My first brush with Marilyn was when a publicist from 20th Century Fox called and asked if I would have lunch and do a story on a new, young, blond actress just signed by the studio. And so I went to lunch in the commissary with the publicist and the new, young, blond actress. She sat there, looking sexy and very pretty, but so help me she didn't open her mouth, and when she did it was in a tiny whisper. The PR person did all the talking.

My second brush (or supposedly) was when I went on a press junket to Reno, Nev., to do a story on Marilyn and Clarke Gable in "Some Like It Hot." There was a terrible forest fire, which blew all the electricity in that city on the day of the press conference. Miss Monroe did not appear because there was no electricity to run the hair dryers, and she had just washed her hair. I KID YOU NOT. So we interviewed other cast members (Gable had already returned to L.A.). No story on Miss Monroe.

My third incident was when she died. The editor called from New Orleans wanting a special feature. And so, I set out to do the job. It was nighttime. The body was at a small celebrity cemetery in Brentwood, a suburb of L.A. I was told it was on a street named Glendon, set back about a half a block. Arriving in Brentwood, I found Glendon, but for the life of me I could not find the little mortuary, and there was no one I could ask. I had a bottle of bourbon kept in the car for emergencies. Soooo, I drove around holding it to my lips as if I were drinking, hoping a cop would catch me and guide me to my destination. (No such luck. If I hadn't needed him he would have been right there.) I finally came home. No story. I

Marilyn Monroe

have since seen that little cemetery many times. Marilyn and other celebs are in little niches, and always, always there are flowers on her spot. First they were from former husband Joe DiMaggio, and since his demise, from fans.

Paul Liehr of Los Angeles sends his most memorable movie moments. They are: Mink Stole's job interview scene in John Water's "Pink Flamingos." ... Brad Pitt's screen debut in Ridley Scott's "Thelma and Louise." ... Natalie Wood and Robert Redford gazing at each other making rippling reflections in a pool around a fountain. (He did not mention the movie.) ... The final parting scene between Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty in "Splendor in the Grass." ... All scenes in "Smoke Signals," which starts with Evan Adams saying to Adam Bach "Heyyy Victor." Thanks, Paul. ... And to you readers, send me yours in care of KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. We'll print them.

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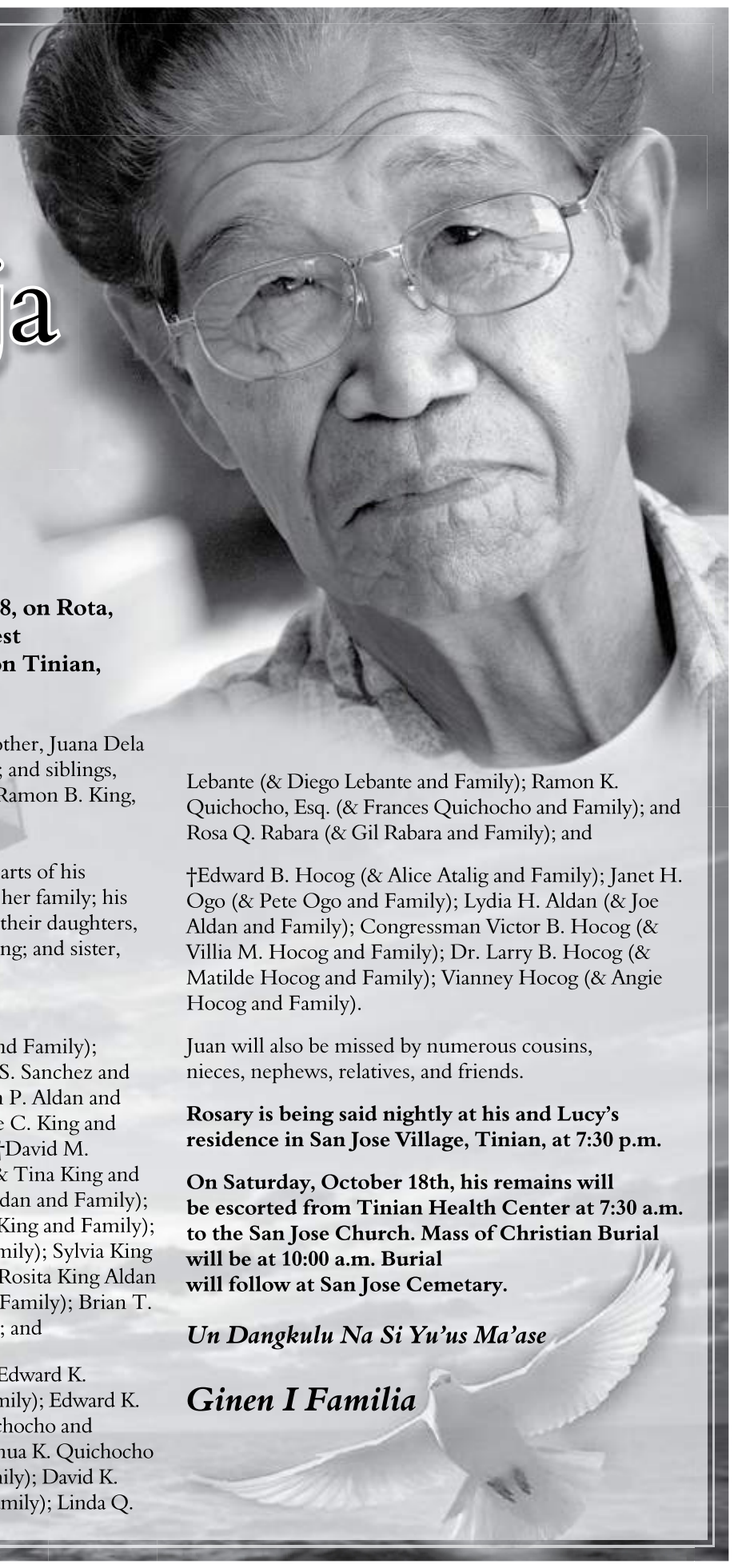
**BITS 'N' PIECES:** Queen Latifah had a ball being honorary chairlady of the Urban World Film Festival held in the Big Apple. ... Leslie Caron comes from Paris to L.A. in October to be honored at three events. More on this later. ... If that little Shawn Johnson who won those medals for her movements on the bars and balance beam at the Olympics doesn't end up in the movies, I miss my guess. ... AND did you know that before he became an actor, Alan Alda was a clown, taxicab driver and a doorman?


*In Celebration of His New Life*

# Juan Borja King

Affectionately known as "Tun Ku"



**Born to life on February 28, 1928, on Rota, Juan was called to his eternal rest on Thursday, October 9, 2008, on Tinian, at the age of 80.**

In his new Life, Juan now joins his mother, Juana Dela Cruz Borja King and father, Jose King; and siblings, Ignacio B. King, Rosa K. Quichocho, Ramon B. King, and Jose B. King.

His memory will live forever in the hearts of his daughter, Margarita Jones Castro, and her family; his wife, Hwa Cha (Lucy) Han King, and their daughters, Janet Han King, Esq., and Lisa Han King; and sister, Dolores Borja Hocog of Rota.

***And his nieces and nephews:***
Juan M. Atalig (& Lourdes D. Atalig and Family); Theodosia King Sanchez (& †Edward S. Sanchez and Family); Sabina King Aldan (& Ramon P. Aldan and Family); Vincent T. King (& Josephine C. King and Family); †Victoria King Mendiola (& †David M. Mendiola and Family); Jose T. King (& Tina King and Family); Celina T. King (& Gary P. Aldan and Family); Henry T. King (& (Jackie Villagomez King and Family); Juanita King (& Joe Troutman and Family); Sylvia King Biz (& Marcelino P. Biz and Family); Rosita King Aldan (& Congressman Edwin P. Aldan and Family); Brian T. King (& Vanessa P. Aldan and Family); and

Ignacio King Quichocho (& Family); †Edward K. Quichocho; Elisa K. Quichocho (& Family); Edward K. Quichocho (& Marivic De Castro Quichocho and Family); Celia Q. Diaz (& Family); Joshua K. Quichocho (& Noemi Rivera Quichocho and Family); David K. Quichocho (& Neri Quichocho and Family); Linda Q. Lebante (& Diego Lebante and Family); Ramon K. Quichocho, Esq. (& Frances Quichocho and Family); and Rosa Q. Rabara (& Gil Rabara and Family); and

†Edward B. Hocog (& Alice Atalig and Family); Janet H. Ogo (& Pete Ogo and Family); Lydia H. Aldan (& Joe Aldan and Family); Congressman Victor B. Hocog (& Villia M. Hocog and Family); Dr. Larry B. Hocog (& Matilde Hocog and Family); Vianney Hocog (& Angie Hocog and Family).

Juan will also be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

**Rosary is being said nightly at his and Lucy's residence in San Jose Village, Tinian, at 7:30 p.m.**

**On Saturday, October 18th, his remains will be escorted from Tinian Health Center at 7:30 a.m. to the San Jose Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at San Jose Cemetary.**

***Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase***

***Ginen I Familia***

# Heidi Klum chats about 'Project Runway,' future and past

By MATEA GOLD
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While NBC Universal and the Weinstein Co. fight over the rights to "Project Runway," host and executive producer Heidi Klum is trying to focus on the future of the show. She's taping the sixth season of the popular fashion design competition—set in Los Angeles instead of New York—even though it remains unclear where or when it will eventually air. Recently, she spoke about this season of "Runway" (which concludes Oct. 15), the program's recipe for success and what it's like to work on the show amid so much uncertainty.

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In this Sept. 12, 2008 file photo, Project Runway's Tim Gunn walks with Heidi Klum on the runway during Fashion Week in New York.

**Question: What do you think distinguished Season 5? How was it different than past seasons?**

**Answer:** It was not as clear to all of us I think who was going to go to the end. The season before we kind of had a feeling of which designers are going to make it into the running in the end. We always had five or six designers that we were like, every time, they're going to come up with something good. And this season, it was a little bit all over the place. It was very literal when I said, "One day you're in, and the next day you're out." It was like one week, someone did something fabulous, and the next week it was awful and then that person was gone. So it was kind of not so clear for us who was going to be in the finale.

**Q: It seems like no matter what season, there's always someone that the audience loves to hate. It's interesting how Kenley has emerged as that person in this cycle. Was she as obnoxious in person as she's been coming across in the last few episodes?**

**A:** You can only work with what people give you. We don't change their words. What they say is what they say. So she was the way you see her. She was laughing at people at times, she would talk back. And it is a very hard thing for these designers to be on the runway and show themselves to everyone, but this is what you sign up for. You have to take the criticism. And I don't think she could handle that very well. But she is a good designer.

**Q: It's amazing to see that this season the ratings are as high as they've ever been. What do you think accounts for the durability of "Runway?"**

**A:** I think that the show gives a lot of hope to people, that if you have a talent, you can actually still make it somewhere. A lot of designers we have on the show are not practiced designers. They kind of work in their basement or they do it as a hobby. All of a sudden, they're on "Project Runway."

But also why I think the show gets bigger and bigger every year and is so successful is because you actually watch people with talent. People say, "Oh, what do you think about `Top Chef?' " And I'm always like, I mean, I love food, but I don't understand. I can't taste what they make. I can't taste if this tastes better than that. I can only see what they do. And so I don't get it. But I think in "Project Runway," you can make more of your opinions, because you can actually see the fashions. . . . It's not so much about them as being characters and doing crazy things, because they don't really have time for that. Yes, things do happen and people have the occasional fights. But our show is not about that. Our show is about fashion and our show is about showing their talent.

**Q: Now that you're in the sixth cycle, is it still fun and unpredictable for you? Does it ever feel redundant?**

**A:** No, absolutely not. Because every time, there are 16 new people sitting there with a new story, with passion, with ideas, with lots of fashion. I have tears on my runway, I have smiles on my runway, because people want to be here. They want this so bad.

**Q: The show has rested up to a year between seasons in the past. Do you think fans would wait that long again to see it?**

**A:** Oh, absolutely. I'm not worried about it. Obviously, I would love for it to come out so we don't lose the momentum in terms of the fashion show. Because we're always matching the finale of the show with Fashion Week in New York City, which is in February and September . . . so if they don't figure it out by (early 2009), we would have to wait until the end of the year, which would be sad. But we've had something like that, three or four years ago, where we had to wait a whole year for Fashion Week to be filming the finale.

**Q: How does having the show in L.A. change the flavor?**

**A:** What has been really great is that—especially with Nina (Garcia) and Michael (Kors) not being here all the time because they also have a lot of work to do in New York City—is that we've had so many great stars come on the show, which I think a lot of people enjoy watching. And I always love to hear their point of view, because most of time you don't hear that. Our cast here is so excited when they see the guest judges, they just flip out.

**Q: So it hasn't been difficult to get big-name guest judges, even with the fate of the show up in the air?**

**A:** No, no, not at all. We're working as planned. We're already done six episodes. And we have about 2 1/2 weeks to go. We're working away. The designers are working away.

**Q: Does anyone ask, "Is this even going to make it on the air?"**

**A:** Not to me. Everyone is excited to be here, everyone is staying here until 9, 10 at night. And everyone is very positive. Because these designers, you're blown away with what they do. We're all happy to be here and we're all happy to be working. So we all hope it will come out as planned.

# Vienna director sick, but good music saves opera

By GEORGE JAHN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

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Roberto Alagna in the role of Doctor Faust, front, and Angela Gheorghiu as Marguerite perform during a dress rehearsal for the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod, on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, at Vienna's State Opera.

**VIENNA, Austria** (AP)—Damnation was the dominant theme Saturday in a new Vienna State Opera production of Charles Gounod's Faust. But redemption triumphed in the form of wonderful singing and a powerful orchestral performance.

On stage of course was Mephistopheles, Satan in human form, who offers Dr. Faust his youth in exchange for his soul, setting off the series of events that leads to tragedy for him and Marguerite, the innocent object of his desire.

The performance had to cope without two key production figures and the results were predictable. Minimalistic scenery and stage direction left the production barely distinguishable from a concert performance of the opera.

What there was to see was unimaginative - the stage was dominated by a boring backdrop of movable metal frame rectangles. Instead of setting off erotic sparks, the Witches Sabbath scene fizzled, despite its tableau of skimpily clad figures. And the lighting was basic - devilish red for Mephistopheles and virgin white for the pure Marguerite.

Those missing were director Nicholas Joel who suffered from an unspecified illness that lasted into Saturday's premiere, and scenographer Andreas Reinhardt who died during rehearsals.

The audience was required to concentrate on the music and hope for the best. And here, good triumphed.

Angela Gheorghiu's Marguerite suffered perhaps for the lack of stage direction, with dramatic moments that she was unable to fully exploit, although her brief mad scene at the end of Act 4 was chilling.

But her voice made up for it. Although naturally small, its pureness and versatility fit the role of the virginal God-fearing heroine first seduced by Faust and then - pregnant - hung up and left out to dry by the devil driven hero-villain.

With singing at turns fervent, intense or urgent, Gheorghiu easily brought the required lyricism to Marguerite's signature "Jewel Song" in an effortless rendition that reached all the high notes without stretching.

Perhaps the fact that Gheorghiu's lover in Saturday's production is her real-life partner helped.

As Faust, Roberto Alagna was initially choked and he seemed to be pushing for that high C in the Act II garden scene where he rhapsodizes about Marguerite's purity. But his voice soon loosened up to full and lovely lyric tenor dimensions.

And his acting was among the best of all the main characters - important in a role spanning the full range from crotchety old scientist to pleasure-seeking young hedonist and finally to rueful sinner who recognizes too late the error of his ways.

Of course he could always claim the devil made him do it. And who could have resisted Kwangchul Youn?

Mephistopheles' Act II homage to the Golden Calf seemed made for his rich dramatic bass. And while his getup was uninspiring - top hat and tails in the first acts, barechest and black leather later - he owned the role, exploiting its comic aspects while playing up the sinister sides.

You could almost smell the sulphur.

Kudos as well to Adrian Eroed as Valentin, Marguerite's brother; Michaela Selinger as Siebel, the heroine's shy admirer, and Janina Baechle as Marthe, the love-struck domestic misdirecting her affections at Mephistopheles.

Holding it all together musically, conductor and Bertrand de Billy coaxed a strong performance from Vienna State Opera orchestra from the first notes of the overture with its somber themes of sin and redemption to the near final crashing chords heralding Marguerite's salvation. And the State Opera choir was admirable in a work that relies heavily on ensemble singing.

# Larry Hagman excited about 30th 'Dallas' reunion

By LINDA STEWART BALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

**PARKER, Texas** (AP)—Larry Hagman was reluctant to be on a new TV show called "Dallas" when he first read the script in the late 1970s, figuring there wouldn't be any money in it.

But his wife persuaded him to give the role of conniving oil baron and cattle rancher J.R. Ewing a shot, saying they could "renegotiate" and that the job might pay off.

It did, eventually earning Hagman a reported $100,000 or more per episode. And now fans from across the world are paying as much as $1,000 apiece to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the debut of what became one of the most popular prime-time soap operas in TV history.

"People are crazy," Hagman said Thursday. "I guess it's a TV show people identify with."

On Nov. 8, J.R., Bobby, Sue Ellen and other Ewing kin will mark the anniversary with a reunion and barbecue at Southfork Ranch. Viewed panoramically in the show's introduction, the ranch is in the Dallas suburb of Parker, about 25 miles north of the flashy downtown skyscrapers also featured in the opening scenes.

Hagman

Fans from Japan, Australia, Europe and across the United States have plunked down anywhere from $100 to $1,000 for the tickets. The more one pays, the greater one gains access to cast members including Hagman, Linda Gray and Patrick Duffy.

"This thing is going to be a lot of fun," said the 77-year-old Hagman, seated in the formal living room of the Southfork mansion, a trademark cowboy hat on his head. "It's the first one we've ever done with fans. They're coming from everywhere."

Along with the barbecue, there will be country music, dancing, fireworks and a laser light show.

"This is a chance to live like and be a Ewing for a day," said Jason Hardison, the event's executive producer. "We're going to celebrate the excess and success of the 1980s, at least the oil boom, and the money that surrounded Dallas."

Given the various story lines and characters in each hourlong episode, Hagman said he saw Dallas as more of a cartoon and "had fun with it."

Hagman, who grew up in Weatherford, west of Fort Worth, said he patterned J.R.'s twang, persona and family views after a businessman he worked for in high school who supplied oil drilling equipment.

# Lisa Marie Presley gives birth to twins

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Lisa Marie Presley is a mom again. A publicist says the 40-year-old singer gave birth Tuesday to twin girls, whose names were not released. One baby weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and the other came in at 5 pounds and 2 ounces.

Presley

A statement released Saturday says Presley gave birth by Caesarean section. She lives in the Los Angeles area and the publicist says the births took place somewhere on the West Coast but won't provide details.

The statement says "babies and mom are happy and healthy and resting at home."

Presley is the daughter of Elvis Presley and is married to music producer Michael Lockwood. She has a 19-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son by a previous marriage.

# Jolie: Obama win would be 'nice' for family

**BERLIN** (AP)—Angelina Jolie isn't giving away who she's backing in the U.S. presidential election, but she does have good things to say about Barack Obama.

The actress and activist tells the German edition of Vanity Fair that the Democratic contender for president comes down on the same side of several issues that she does.

Asked if she finds Obama and his background an example to her family, she replies, "Naturally that's good, but it's not a sufficient reason to vote for him.

"Obama fights for international justice, he wants to militarily intervene in cases of genocide, and close Guantanamo Bay. These are the things that could move me to vote for him, not his roots."

She then adds, "Naturally, an American president like Barack Obama would be nice for my family."

Jolie and actor Brad Pitt are parents to six children, three of whom were adopted from other nations—Cambodia, Ethiopia and Vietnam.

Obama's family similarly has members from different countries: his mother is American and his late father was Kenyan.

Jolie's father, Jon Voight, has campaigned for Republican candidate John McCain.

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In this Oct. 4, 2008 file photo, actress Angelina Jolie attends a New York Film Festival screening of "Changeling" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.

# Publication of 'Jewel of Medina' delayed in UK

**LONDON** (AP)—A British company has delayed publication of a controversial novel about one of the Prophet Muhammad's wives after its offices were firebombed, a magazine reported Saturday.

The Bookseller magazine said on its Web site that Gibson Square publishing has decided to postpone the publication of "The Jewel of Medina."

The novel's American author, Sherry Jones of Spokane, Washington, also has decided to cancel a publicity tour to Germany to promote the book, the magazine said.

"We respect Sherry Jones's decision," the publisher said in a statement quoted by the magazine. "In her view the best thing to do is to postpone her visit and the publishing of the novel in Britain."

The publisher said the author hoped the novel would "foster greater understanding" of Islam in the West, the magazine said.

Gibson Square executives could not be reached Saturday for comment. The company has not announced a new publication date.

Jones

Three men have been charged with a series of crimes stemming from the September fire-bombing of the publisher's office and home. There were no injuries.

The British publishing company had described the book as a "historical novel about the love story" between the Prophet Muhammad and his favorite wife, Aisha.

The book has been published by Beaufort in the United States, thus far without incident. It was, however, dropped by Random House Inc., the original U.S. publisher, after it received what it called "credible" information that publication "could incite acts of violence by a small, radical segment."

# FX Network cancels 'The Riches'

By GREG BRAXTON
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"The Riches" has gone bankrupt.

The FX series, which starred Minnie Driver and Eddie Izzard as hustling grifters who assume the identity of a dead suburban couple, has been canceled, executives said Tuesday.

The drama has been on shaky ground since it was interrupted by the writers strike, facing the same dilemma as another canceled FX series, "Dirt." The shortened second season ended with a cliffhanger that apparently will not be resolved.

But FX has picked up a 13-episode second season of its freshman biker drama "Sons of Anarchy."

# Middle-schooler objects to being judged on looks

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 12-year-old, and I'm not pretty. I just started seventh grade, and I have noticed that people date each other based completely on looks. I think that's superficial, and I wouldn't want to date someone just because of it. The sad thing is, everybody does it. People are passed over because of their looks who may actually be nice people inside.

I don't understand why people judge me based on what my parents gave me -- like my eyes or the shape of my lips. I mean, I know I could change my hair or wear makeup, but I can't change my genetics. Suggestions?

PLAIN OLD ME IN NORTH CAROLINA

**DEAR PLAIN OLD YOU: Absolutely. Good looks can be an asset. However, before you put yourself down anymore about what you inherited from your parents, it's important that you give yourself a reality check. Their appearance didn't prevent them from finding each other attractive and falling in love. Also, it takes some people longer to mature into their final "product" than it does others. In other words, the way you look now at age 12 isn't necessarily the way you will look by the middle or end of your teens.**

**While I believe that each generation is becoming more beautiful than the one before, not everyone will be a classic beauty. And beauty is a trait that's notorious for its short shelf life. That's why it is so important to develop your personality and your mind, so you will have tools for success later in life. This is the time you should do it, instead of worrying about who is dating whom in seventh grade. Believe me, your classmates' tastes will change—and so will yours. That's what growing is all about.**

**It's far more important to concentrate on what you can do to better the world you live in than it is to worry that you might not be beautiful enough. When the right person comes along, he will be more interested in a collaborator than a trophy. Trust me on that, because it's the truth.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** You often print letters from parents who are baffled by how selfish and ungrateful their children are. They are hurt and perplexed because they believe they were the best parents anyone ever had.

It's time to take off the blinders. These parents are just as egocentric as the kids they raised. Their children are a direct byproduct of their upbringing. Kids don't turn lazy or selfish overnight. It is their parents' duty to teach them how to be caring, concerned and appreciative, but someone failed to teach them every step of the way. Somehow, they repeatedly showed their children that it was OK to treat others badly and that they, as parents, deserve no appreciation.

Parents: If a student hasn't learned, then the teacher hasn't taught. If the method you have used to teach someone has failed, then it's up to you to do something differently and try again -- or to accept your failure and make the best of the situation.

ONE WHO KNOWS

**DEAR ONE WHO KNOWS: Your point is well-taken, although you may be overly harsh in your assumption about the parents' motivation. I agree that some parents fail to assert themselves because it's the "easy way out" instead of laying down the law when discipline is needed. However, when parents have had a difficult childhood, they sometimes have a tendency to "overcorrect" in the opposite direction, trying to make sure their children don't have the same experience. And that is why they do too much, give too much and fail to teach their children consequences or how to achieve true independence.**

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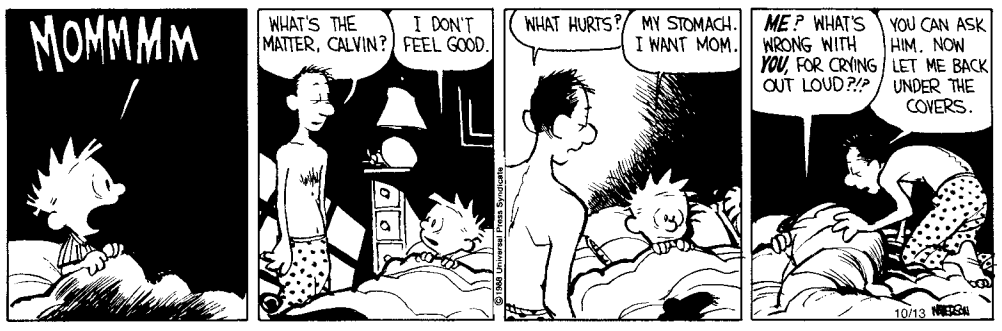
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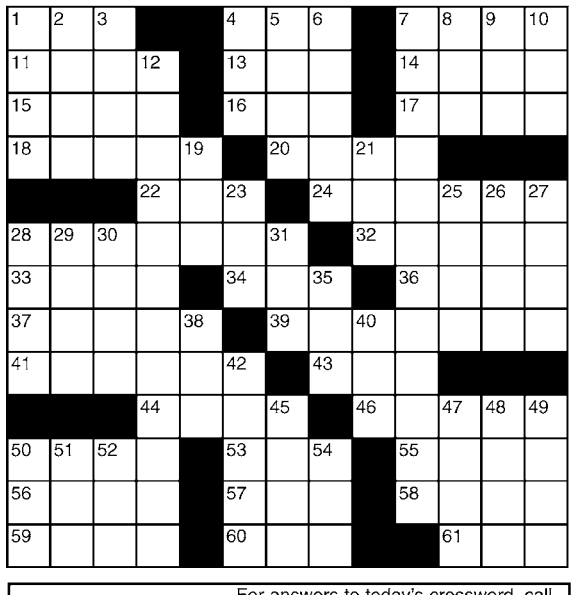

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**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Treat partnerships with kid gloves. You don't want to start a disagreement because you are emotionally sensitive. Pour your heart into your work and listen to constructive criticism. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): A partnership can be a good thing but, if you fear giving up too much authority, you will have problems delegating who-does-what. Communication may not be straightforward, causing problems with co-workers. Ask questions and leave nothing to the imagination. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Take part in an event that will ensure you can stand out, be noticed and meet some interesting people. You are overdue for an overhaul. Don't play games when it comes to love or someone is apt to get hurt. ✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Misleading someone as to your actual intentions will backfire. It's best to be honest even if you do get hurt initially or hurt someone else. Helping others will get you much further ahead and keep you out of trouble. ✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't go overboard or brag about what you can do. Taking a course to refresh your memory on how to take care of home maintenance is a good idea. A love interest may confuse you regarding your current, personal situation. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You'll be inclined to overspend on things you don't need. Focus on the youngsters and the seniors in your life and you will learn something about who you are and what you stand for. A love relationship can make up for lost time. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Put your thoughts on paper and follow your plans to the end and you will make progress. Stick by your friends and keep your emotional feelings out of the workplace. Taking on a project at home will cost you too much money, time and worry. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Let your creativity grow, enabling you to develop and hone your skills. Work toward mastering what you can do instead of struggling with what you cannot. Follow your heart and your dreams. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Keep your personal and professional dealings separate. As soon as you bring emotions into the equation, you will make a mistake you'll regret. Keep talks to a minimum. Being misled by someone you trust is likely. ✪✪

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**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let love or someone's advances cause problems for you in other areas of your life. People will not be as they appear, so don't make assumptions. Don't be fooled by a fast-cash deal that is too good to be true. ✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Donations, loans or giving to people putting demands on you must be avoided. Work in unison with someone willing to give just as much and who has the same expectations. With love, if you are with the right person, make a promise that will last a lifetime. ✪✪✪

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# US advances to World Cup qualifying finals

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—DaMarcus Beasley scored his first international goals in 16 months, Landon Donovan added his record 37th goal for the United States and the Americans breezed past Cuba into the final round of World Cup qualifying with unusual ease.

"It's never easy," Donovan insisted after a 6-1 rout Saturday.

But relatively speaking, it was.

After Beasley scored the first two goals, Donovan and Brian Ching padded the lead early in the second. Jozy Altidore and Oguchi Onyewu added goals in garbage time.

With two semifinal-round matches remaining, the Americans (4-0) already have secured a berth in next year's six-nation finals of the North and Central American and Caribbean region. The top three teams in the finals qualify for the 2010 World Cup, and the No. 4 nation goes to a playoff against the fifth-place team in South America for another berth.

After winning 1-0 at Guatemala and Cuba, the United States won 3-0 against Trinidad and Tobago at home heading into this match.

"The bulk of the work was done in the first two games, and that was difficult," Donovan said. "We are, I think, better equipped with the way we play on a consistent basis."

Ranked 21st in the world, the United States is seeking its sixth straight appearance in soccer's showcase event. The Americans, who won 1-0 at Cuba last month, were playing a nation ranked that hasn't been to the World Cup since 1938 and is ranked just 98th. And the advantage only increased when Cuba's Yoel Colome was ejected in the 42nd minute for cutting down Donovan, a foul that got him his second yellow card.

Cuba coach Reinhold Franz said his team "dropped like a doll" after the ejection.

Even Cuba's bench was depleted. The Cubans (0-4) dressed only five substitutes after Pedro Faife and forward Reynier Alcantara went missing Friday, a sign that they may be defecting.

While the United States is far from a world power, the Americans have become the region's dominant team: They are 26-1-7 in home qualifiers since May 1985, the only defeat 3-2 to Honduras here at RFK Stadium in September 2001.

Before a small but boisterous pro-U.S. crowd of 20,293 that sang throughout, Beasley put the United States ahead in the 10th minute with an angled shot from about 12 yards. Sacha Kljestan had picked up a loose ball following a header and passed to the left flank, where Beasley gave the ball one touch before beating goalkeeper Silvio Minoso to the far post.

Beasley, still not completely recovered from a knee injury last fall, doubled the lead in the 30th, making a perfectly timed run to receive a Donovan pass behind the defense and score from 8 yards.

"It's been a long time coming," he said. "Every attacking player goes through these stretches."

At that point, the United States had scored 23 consecutive goals against opponents in qualifiers on U.S. soil since November 2004 and hadn't allowed a goal at home during the run of play in qualifying since October 2001. But Cuba stunned the Americans two minutes later, when Jenzy Munoz caught goalkeeper Tim Howard slightly off his line and from outside the area put the ball just under the crossbar.

"It was weird the way it got up and down so quickly," Howard said.

Playing the ball wide and spreading Cuba out, the United States had plenty of opportunities it failed to convert. Donovan restored a two-goal lead in the 48th. Ching played the ball wide to Heath Pearce, whose cross was knocked into the net by Donovan from 3 yards.

Beasley had a chance for his third in the 60th when Ching fed him for an open point-blank shot, but Minoso blocked it. Three minutes later, Beasley sent a bending free kick to the far post, when Kljestan headed the ball back toward the goal for Ching to knock in.

Jose Francisco Torres made his U.S. national team debut when he entered in the 68th minute along with Altidore. Torres, a 20-year-old midfielder with Pachuca, was born in Texas to an American mother and a Mexican father. By appearing for the United States, he no longer is eligible to play for Mexico's national team.

"Once the game opened up a little, it became a little easier," Donovan said.

United States' DaMarcus Beasley (7) celebrates scoring a goal against Cuba during the first half of a World Cup qualifying soccer match, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, in Washington. Also pictured are U.S. team members Heath Pearce (15), Brian Ching (11), and Landon Donovan (10).

## Chiefs' Tony Gonzalez on trade block

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** (AP)—Tony Gonzalez, the most productive tight end in NFL history, will be traded to a contender if the Kansas City Chiefs get the right price.

Three people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the nine-time Pro Bowl player could be dealt before the Tuesday trade deadline. The three didn't want to be identified because a deal hasn't been struck.

Gonzalez, who holds the NFL tight end record for receptions, touchdown catches and yards receiving, is active in civic and charitable affairs and enjoys great popularity in Kansas City. He has always said he would like to end his career with the Chiefs, who drafted him in the first round out of California in 1997.

But the Chiefs (1-4) are rebuilding from the bottom up and not likely to contend for the Super Bowl any time soon. In spite of all his personal accomplishments, Gonzalez, 32, has never even won a postseason game.

He would like an opportunity to play in a Super Bowl and the rebuilding Chiefs would like to acquire extra draft picks.

Two people involved in the situation said there had been discussion with the New York Giants, but that talks had not been productive.

The Giants traded tight end Jeremy Shockey to New Orleans last summer for Nos. 2 and 5 drafts pick in 2009. Shockey's replacement, Kevin Boss, has been a disappointment even though the defending Super Bowl champs are undefeated.

Chiefs general manager Carl Peterson is a notoriously tough negotiator and would probably demand at least a second-round pick for the man many Chiefs fans believe is the greatest offensive player in team history.

Kansas City Chiefs' Tony Gonzalez (88) is tackled by Carolina Panthers' Jon Beason, right, after a catch in the second quarter in an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008.

# Sabbatini birdies final hole, grabs lead in Texas

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—South Africa's Rory Sabbatini birdied the final hole for a 7-under 63 and a one-stroke lead over Zach Johnson on Saturday in the Texas Open.

Sabbatini, a four-time tour winner who lives in Southlake outside Dallas, had an eagle and four birdies for a back-nine 29 on the La Cantera Golf Club's Resort Course. Winless since the 2007 Colonial in Fort Worth, he had a 14-under 196 total.

"It's fun to play a course where you actually know where the ball is going. It's been a frustrating year, but this feels good," Sabbatini said.

Sabbatini's best Texas Open finish was a tie for 33rd, but he said he was happy to make a return trip to LaCantera while he was playing well.

"Obviously this golf course is not one that sets up very well when you're spraying it," he said. "It punishes you pretty quickly and pretty harshly.

"But if you're hitting the driver and putting the drives in play you can actually make this course play pretty simply, and I've been successful at doing that so far this week.

"I'm just having a lot of fun with it because it's a great feeling and, you know, I'm really enjoying being on the golf course."

The four-time PGA Tour winner admitted he had been fighting through a frustrating season.

"It has just been a matter of trying to be patient," he said. "I'm not the most patient person with it, and it has been kind of a tough experience for me, but maybe something to learn from and grow on."

Johnson, the 2007 Masters champion, shot a bogey-free 62, playing the front nine in 5-under 30. He has three career PGA Tour victories, but has only one top-10 finish this year and entered the week 125th on the money list.

Rory Sabbatini, of South Africa, waves to the gallery after he birdied the 18th hole during the third round of the Texas Open golf tournament, in San Antonio, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008. Sabbatini leads the tournament at 14-under-par.

"Some of my best rounds have come with limited confidence," Johnson said. "I didn't have high expectations coming in. But when I've played well, I've putted well and that was the case today."

Tim Wilkinson (63), 1997 winner Tim Herron (67) and second-round leader Chris Stroud (69) were 11 under, and Mark Wilson (66), Joe Ogilvie (67), Michael H. Thompson (67), Jeff Overton (67) and Tim Petrovic (68) followed at 10 under.

Defending champion Justin Leonard, the former University of Texas star seeking a record fourth victory in the event, was 7 under after a 64.

"There's still a lot of golf to be played, but it's going to take another round like this or better to have a chance tomorrow," Leonard said.

# Rays slip past Red Sox to even series

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** (AP)—B.J. Upton and the Tampa Bay Rays won a game of home run derby with a shallow fly ball.

Pinch-runner Fernando Perez dashed home on Upton's sacrifice fly in the 11th inning and the Rays outlasted the Boston Red Sox 9-8 early Sunday, evening the AL championship series at one game each.

The teams combined for seven home runs, tying a postseason record. The Rays wound up winning a game that lasted 5 hours, 27 minutes when Perez tagged up on Upton's one-out fly and beat right fielder J.D. Drew's throw home.

"The main thing there is not to strike out," Upton said.

The series shifts to Fenway Park for Game 3 Monday, with left-hander Jon Lester pitching for Boston against Matt Garza.

"We did not want to go to Boston down 0-2," said Evan Longoria, who homered for Tampa Bay. "It's 1:30 in the morning and we pulled it out."

Dustin Pedroia homered twice for Boston, and scored his fourth run on a wild pitch in the eighth that made it 8-all.

Red Sox reliever Mike Timlin walked Dioner Navarro and Ben Zobrist to begin the 11th and Jason Bartlett grounded out, moving runners to second and third, and Akinori Iwamura was intentionally walked.

Upton, who had homered earlier, followed with his fly ball down the right-field line.

Drew settled under the ball, but rushed and a two-hop throw up the third-base line. Perez scored easily,

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Tampa Bay Rays' Fernando Perez slides past Boston Red Sox catcher Kevin Cash to score on a sacrifice fly by Rays' B.J. Upton during the 11th inning in Game 2 of the American League championship series in St. Petersburg, Fla., Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008. The Rays defeated the Red Sox, 9-8.

showing off his best asset - he stole 43 bases in Triple-A this season, and went 5-for-5 on steal tries with Tampa Bay.

Rookie David Price earned the win. He entered with a runner on first and one out in the 11th and walked Drew, but struck out Mark Kotsay and retired Coco Crisp on a grounder.

Jonathan Papelbon pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings, getting the defending World Series champion Red Sox to the 11th. He extended his career postseason scoreless streak to a major league-record 22 innings over 14 appearances.

Cliff Floyd, Longoria and Upton homered for Tampa Bay off struggling Josh Beckett. The wild-card Red Sox homered three times in the fifth inning, with Pedroia and Kevin Youkilis connecting off Scott Kazmir and Jason Bay tagging Grant Balfour.

After Boston won the ALCS opener 2-0, the teams came out swinging for the fences. All seven homers came in the first five innings.

The Red Sox and Ray matched the postseason record for homers set in the 1989 World Series and tied in the NLCS in 2003 and 2006.

Down 8-6, the Red Sox rallied within a run in the sixth on an RBI single by Bay.

Pedroia led off the eighth with a single against Chad Bradford and reliever Trever Miller walked David Ortiz.

Dan Wheeler took over and got Youkilis to ground into a double play. With Bay at the plate, Wheeler threw a pitch over the glove of Navarro that went to the backstop. The All-Star catcher retrieved the carom, but made an off-target, underhand toss to Wheeler covering the plate that allowed Pedroia to score.

Boston threatened again in the ninth when Crisp hit a two-out double that sailed over Upton's head in center field. Wheeler struck out Jacoby Ellsbury to end the inning.

Longoria, the All-Star rookie who homered twice in his playoff debut against the Chicago White Sox, snapped an 0-for-13 drought with a two-run homer in the first inning. Upton launched a solo shot in the third and Floyd homered in the fourth for Tampa Bay.

After Pedroia, Youkilis and Bay homered to put the Red Sox ahead 6-5 in the fifth, the Rays answered with three runs in the bottom half off Beckett, who allowed eight runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

A year after becoming the first Red Sox pitcher to win four games in the same postseason, the big right-hander has struggled through the two shortest playoff starts of his career. He allowed four runs on nine hits in five innings against the Los Angeles Angels in Game 3 of the ALDS.

Carlos Pena's RBI single and Longoria's run-scoring double finished the Boston starter. Carl Crawford's single on reliever Javier Lopez's first pitch drove in Longoria to make it 8-6. Bay, also had a two-run double in the first, was 3-for-5 with four RBIs for the Red Sox. Youkilis also had three hits and has now hit safely all nine of his career ALCS games.

# Dodgers try to keep Phillies winless in L.A.

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Trailing 2-0 in the National League championship series, the Los Angeles Dodgers have the Philadelphia Phillies right where they want them—at home.

That's where the Dodgers were 4-0 against the Phillies during the regular season.

"We just got to get hot at the right time and now is the right time in front of our fans," catcher Russell Martin said Saturday. "We know we can beat them."

The Dodgers went 23-9 at home after the All-Star break, the best record in the major leagues during that span.

They'll need any home-field advantage because for the first time in eight NLCS appearances, the Dodgers have dropped the first two games. Sunday will mark the 20th anniversary of the last time they won the NLCS, shutting out the New York Mets 6-0 in Game 7 at home.

In 10 meetings so far this season, the Dodgers and Phillies have won all their home games.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel was at Dodger Stadium for a workout Saturday a day after his mother died, but he didn't speak with reporters. Shane Victorino, who drove in four runs in Friday's 8-5 victory, also was in the clubhouse a day after learning his grandmother died.

After sweeping the Chicago Cubs in three games in the first round, the Dodgers find themselves on the other

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers left fielder Manny Ramirez acknowledges fans in the upper deck during batting practice for the NL championship baseball series at Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008. The Dodgers trail the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-0, in the best-of-seven games series.

side with the potential of playing three consecutive games at home.

"I'm probably a little more nervous when I have a 2-0 lead than even or down, because you don't want people to get overconfident," manager Joe Torre said.

"On the other side of the coin, you have to just think in terms of not looking too far ahead. You've got to win the game on the field instead of worrying about how many you have to win out of the next five, stuff like that."

The Dodgers had the tying run at the plate in the first two games, when they twice blew leads.

"We didn't necessarily play bad baseball," Martin said. "They just played a little better. I don't feel we're getting outplayed in any way."

Los Angeles will start right-hander Hiroki Kuroda against 45-year-old lefty Jamie Moyer in Game 3 Sunday night.

"To get these guys, you got to make pitches," Martin said. "Baseball is a game of failure and you can't be afraid to fail. Kuroda knows how to get guys out. He's a battler and he goes out there and competes."

Kuroda worked 6 1-3 brilliant innings of a 3-1 victory in the division series clincher against Chicago in the first postseason outing of his career.

"The Phillies have great hitters and great home run hitters, and Phillies' stadium, it's a lot smaller than Dodger Stadium," Kuroda said through a translator. "Here I think it's a little bit more difficult to hit home runs, but that doesn't mean that they're not going to hit. I think the Phillies have more advantage with their small field."

Manny Ramirez homered again Friday—his third in five playoff games this season. He's driven in seven runs during the playoffs and 71 in his postseason career, trailing only Bernie Williams' total of 80.

Wearing a Led Zeppelin T-shirt, Ramirez was his usual smiling self before going out and taking some cuts Saturday. He has hit 10 career home runs off Moyer, more than against any pitcher.

"It's not over yet," Ramirez said. "Anything is possible. We are home."

Torre said he's considering starting Nomar Garciaparra at first or third base Sunday because of his high career slugging percentage against Moyer, who doesn't overpower hitters and instead relies on a variety of pitches.

Moyer admitted he's never even thrown 90 mph.

"Two pitches added together, maybe," he said. "But not one total pitch."

Moyer compared Ramirez and the rest of the Dodgers' lineup to "a school of sharks."

"Kind of on the prowl," he said. "If you can kind of keep them all separated in the pool, it's a great way to go after them. But when they kind of swarm together and they see blood in the water, they attack and they do a very good job of it.

Ramirez has had success in the past against Moyer, who will strive to keep the bases empty ahead and behind of Ramirez.

"If you have to pitch to him, you have to pitch to him," Moyer said. "All that matters to me is tomorrow. What's happened in the past, I'll give him that. But tomorrow the slate is even."

Old enough to be the father of some of his teammates, Moyer appreciates the workmanlike attitude the younger players have shown so far.

"After the game, there was music on in the clubhouse. The music might have been ridiculous, but it wasn't ridiculously loud," he said. "I'm sensing there's some excitement but not exhilaration like, `Hey, we just won.'"

Torre confirmed he'll go back to Derek Lowe, who started Game 1, on three days' rest for Game 4 Monday.

"He's pitched on a big stage before," the manager said. "I don't think he's going to overthink the situation."

Most of the Dodgers refused to call Sunday's game a "must win."

"You just got to remember to breathe and be sure of yourself," Casey Blake said. "I don't think anyone is hanging their head at all."

# Tight races in three divisions in SEDA league

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The battle for the championship in the three divisions in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association league are expected to be intense in the closing weeks as leaders in Tuesday B, Thursday C, and Masters are only ahead by a few points from their closest pursuers.

Primos Naughty Boys are ahead in Tuesday B division with a 72-48 record. But they are up by only one win over Krystal 80 Proofers and Primos Pay Day Time, which hold identical 71-49 records.

Oleai No Fear is also still in contention with its 69-51 slate. In fourth place is Jonny's Insane Dart Pose (61-59), Jonny's Fujin (59-61), D' Pirates B Destroyers (49-71), and Jonny's Samurai (28-62).

The Oleai D' Companeros are also leading by only a victory over the Oleai Black Stallions. The D'Comparenos hold an 80-56 record against the Stallions 79-57 slate.

The Oleai Heavy Bombers are in third with a 64-72 record, while the VFW Chubby Wockees have tallied 49-87.

Only four wins are separating Naked Fish Unagas and Naked Fish Hafa Mas in the Thursday C division with the former posting a 64-41 record and the latter having a 60-45 slate.

The VFW Clubmates are inching their way on the top with their 59-61 record, while Coral Reef Barrcuda and Jonny's Asian Dart Heads have similar 57-48 slates. Primo's No Expectations is in fifth place with a 50-55, record, followed by Gaia Bonzai (45-60), Remington Dart Vador (45-60), and Coral Ref Shark Attack (43-62).

Leaders in other divisions enjoy a wider lead over their foes.

In the A division, Utopia 4 Corners are ahead by 10 wins over the D'Pirates D-Destroyers with the former carding 93-43 against the latter's 83-53. Other teams entered in the A division are VFW Major Leaks (70-66), Sierra's Shake'M Up (69-67), Vargas Snipers (57-79), and Primos Seki D'Umber (36-100).

The Utopia's Hot Shots are enjoying a 15-win lead over Len's Lights Out. The Hot Shots are holding a 77-43 record, while Lights Out has a 62-43 record.

The Primos Warriors are in third place with a 57-48 slate, followed by The Flai Sakude Umbre (52-53), Coral Reef B-Barracuda (50-55), Oleai Get'Er Done (48-57), Oleai Shooters (47-58), Naked Fish Naked Boys (44-61), and D'Pirates Dart Knights (43-62).

The Naked Fish Naked Shooters lead the Ladies division with a 64-26 record. Oleai B-52'S is in second place with a 54-36 slate, followed by Jonny's.Com (44-61), Coral Reef Sting Rays (44-61), and Coral Ref Mermaids (34-56).

# Alaska downs Coca-Cola on the road

**Negros Occidental, Philippines**—Sonny Thoss may have gotten the shorter end of the numbers in his duel with Asi Taulava, but he and the Alaska Aces had the last laugh.

The 6-foot-9 center made the biggest offensive plays of the night as the Aces outlasted the Coca-Cola Tigers, 69-62, down the stretch Saturday in front of a capacity crowd at the Victorias City Sports and Amusement Center here.

With only a point separating the two teams,Thoss scored on a putback off a Tony de la Cruz miss with 39 seconds remaining then sank two free throws after Coke guard Alex Cabagnot clanged his 3-point tying attempt as Alaska stretched the lead to 67-62 en route to its second straight win in the 2008-09 KFC PBA Philippine Cup.

Thoss – helpless against Taulava, who asserted his size and bulk in the lane – finished with 11 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had three blocks. L.A. Tenorio also had 11 points, John Ferriols added 9 and Reynel Hugnatan and Jefferey Cariaso contributed 8 apiece for the Aces, who offset their 23 turnovers with strong rebounding and patience down the stretch.

It was a tough win for the Aces, who picked up their pace early but turned somewhat dysfunctional in the middle quarters.

"Coke did a good job defending us. They did a good job disrupting the rhythm of our triangle," offered Alaska coach Tim Cone in explaining their struggling effort.

Certainly, the so-so performance of Alaska star guard and two-time MVP Willie Miller also contributed to Alaska's hot-and-cold showing.

Miller managed just three points on 1-of-10 shooting and committed three turnovers in 35 minutes of action.

Alaska dominated the first half and led by as many as 13, 24-11, on a 3-pointer by Joe Devance early in the second quarter.

But the Tigers kept battling and in fact seized control in the third. After Mark Macapagal opened the second half with a three, Taulava, who repeatedly scored on semi-hook shots in the lane as if Thoss never existed, poured 10 straight points to put Coca-Cola ahead, 41-37.

Taulava led all scorers with 21 and had nine rebounds. Macapagal chipped in nine points and Nick Belasco added eight for the Tigers, who absorbed their second defeat in a row.

Coke led 51-48 after three quarters, but Alaska scored the first seven points of the fourth to pull ahead by four.

Taulava scored four points and Macapagal knocked in another three to spark a 9-3 run that put the Tigers back on top, 60-58, with 7:16 left.

Both teams went scoreless in the next 1:30 minutes before Miller completed a three point play to make it 61-60 with 5:46 remaining.

**Alaska 69** – Thoss 11, Tenorio 11, Ferriols 9, Hugnatan 8, Cariaso 8, Fonacier 7, Devance 6, Miller 3, Sotto 0.

**Coca-Cola 62** – Taulava 21, Macapagal 9, Belasco 8, Cabagnot 6, Telan 6, Arigo 5, Buenafe 5, Rizada 2, Dimaunahan 0, Baguion 0.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-9; 31-28; 48-51; 69-62. ***(www.pba.com.)***

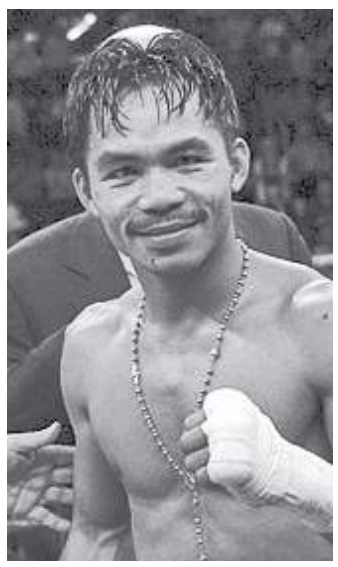
# Champs say De La Hoya will KO Pacquiao

Manny Pacquiao and Oscar Dela Hoya may not be fighting for any alphabet title, but their projected $100-million fight has caught the attention of the current welterweight title holders.

Two of them, Antonio Margarito and Paul Williams, both predicted a knockout victory in favor of the taller, bigger and older De La Hoya, reported cable giant ESPN.

Margarito, jilted by De La Hoya in favor of Pacquiao for the Dec. 6 megafight at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, sounded like a spurned suitor when asked for his opinion.

"Now Oscar is getting brave with a 135-pound fighter and is trying to convince everyone that it's a tough fight," Margarito was quoted by ESPN.com.



Pacquiao

Pacquiao, who took the WBC lightweight crown at the expense of David Diaz in June, will be jumping two weight classes to meet De La Hoya, who has fought in the light middleweight territory the past seven years.

"He wants to show the world that he can pull the trigger against a 135-pounder," added Margarito.

The 5-foot-11 holder of the IBF and the WBA titles was trying to hinge a career-turning fight with De La Hoya but the Golden Boy pointed him to the direction of current WBO champ Paul Williams.

Margarito felt that his sensational 11th round KO of Miguel Cotto, whom De La Hoya initially wanted to fight, gave him a ticket to a super-rich fight against boxing's biggest star.

But De La Hoya, the 10-time world champion in six weight classes and Olympic gold medalist thought otherwise.

"We believe that there's still a score to settle between Margarito and Williams," Golden Boy Promotions CEO Richard Schafer said.

Williams, a 6-foot-1 KO artist, defeated Margarito in July last year for the WBO belt.

"Oscar will stop Manny within three rounds," Williams told ESPN.

"I don't want to take anything away from Pacquiao, but his punches won't hurt De La Hoya. Manny is just too small, and Oscar is just too big." ***(PDI)***

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### TEXAS OPEN SCORES

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)–Scores Saturday from the $4.5 million PGA Tour Texas open at the par-70, 6,881-yard LaCantera Golf Club, Resort Course

**THIRD ROUND**

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| Rory Sabbatini | 67 | 66 | 63 | 196 |
| Zach Johnson | 69 | 66 | 62 | 197 |
| Chris Stroud | 66 | 64 | 69 | 199 |
| Tim Herron | 65 | 67 | 67 | 199 |
| Tim Wilkinson | 67 | 69 | 63 | 199 |
| Jeff Overton | 69 | 64 | 67 | 200 |
| Tim Petrovic | 67 | 65 | 68 | 200 |
| Joe Ogilvie | 66 | 67 | 67 | 200 |
| Michael Thompson | 68 | 65 | 67 | 200 |
| Mark Wilson | 68 | 66 | 66 | 200 |
| Mark Hensby | 68 | 66 | 67 | 201 |
| Greg Kraft | 65 | 71 | 65 | 201 |
| Kevin Streelman | 70 | 63 | 69 | 202 |
| Jimmy Walker | 67 | 66 | 69 | 202 |
| Kevin Stadler | 67 | 66 | 69 | 202 |
| Charlie Wi | 67 | 68 | 67 | 202 |
| Jeff Maggert | 73 | 65 | 64 | 202 |
| Bob Tway | 66 | 72 | 64 | 202 |
| Pat Perez | 71 | 64 | 68 | 203 |
| Chez Reavie | 67 | 67 | 69 | 203 |
| Michael Bradley | 66 | 70 | 67 | 203 |
| Charles Howell III | 68 | 67 | 68 | 203 |
| Harrison Frazar | 69 | 69 | 65 | 203 |
| Jim McGovern | 67 | 70 | 66 | 1203 |
| Chad Collins | 65 | 73 | 65 | 203 |
| Justin Leonard | 70 | 69 | 64 | 203 |
| Scott Verplank | 68 | 66 | 70 | 204 |
| Craig Kanada | 69 | 65 | 70 | 204 |
| David Toms | 68 | 66 | 70 | 204 |
| Chad Campbell | 71 | 65 | 68 | 204 |
| Brian Gay | 68 | 67 | 69 | 204 |
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| John Riegger | 68 | 69 | 67 | 204 |
| Shane Bertsch | 69 | 69 | 66 | 204 |
| Troy Matteson | 68 | 70 | 66 | 204 |
| Paul Goydos | 66 | 66 | 73 | 205 |
| Frank Lickliter II | 69 | 66 | 70 | 205 |
| Bob Estes | 68 | 68 | 69 | 205 |
| Jhonathan Vegas | 69 | 67 | 69 | 205 |
| Todd Demsey | 66 | 70 | 69 | 205 |
| Tag Ridings | 66 | 70 | 69 | 205 |
| J.L. Lewis | 68 | 69 | 68 | 205 |
| Bo Van Pelt | 68 | 70 | 67 | 205 |
| Stephen Ames | 68 | 71 | 66 | 205 |
| Vaughn Taylor | 70 | 68 | 67 | 205 |
| Jason Gore | 65 | 74 | 66 | 205 |
| Matt Jones | 69 | 64 | 73 | 206 |
| Paul Claxton | 64 | 70 | 72 | 206 |
| Kyle Thompson | 66 | 69 | 71 | 206 |
| Steve Marino | 68 | 69 | 69 | 206 |
| Patrick Sheehan | 65 | 71 | 70 | 206 |
| Carlos Franco | 69 | 70 | 67 | 206 |
| Doug LaBelle II | 69 | 69 | 68 | 206 |
| Olin Browne | 64 | 69 | 74 | 207 |
| Steve Allan | 66 | 70 | 71 | 207 |
| Joe Durant | 68 | 67 | 72 | 207 |
| Chris DiMarco | 68 | 69 | 70 | 207 |
| Nathan Green | 62 | 75 | 70 | 207 |
| Richard S. Johnson | 70 | 67 | 70 | 207 |
| Nick O'Hern | 65 | 72 | 70 | 207 |
| Nick Watney | 67 | 71 | 69 | 207 |
| Dean Wilson | 71 | 67 | 69 | 207 |
| Tom Pernice Jr. | 70 | 69 | 68 | 207 |
| Jason Allred | 68 | 66 | 74 | 208 |
| Charley Hoffman | 68 | 69 | 71 | 208 |
| Sean O'Hair | 72 | 66 | 70 | 208 |
| Bob Sowards | 68 | 70 | 70 | 208 |
| J.J. Henry | 70 | 68 | 70 | 208 |
| Alejandro Canizares | 66 | 73 | 70 | 209 |
| Martin Laird | 67 | 71 | 71 | 209 |
| Brad Elder | 68 | 69 | 73 | 210 |
| Robert Gamez | 70 | 68 | 73 | 211 |
| Steve Elkington | 68 | 70 | 73 | 211 |
| Nicholas Thompson | 72 | 67 | 72 | 211 |
| Scott Sterling | 69 | 70 | 72 | 211 |

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### LOCAL SCORES

**4-Person Beach Volleyball League**

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| Acme Roofing | 5 | 0 |
| Enyphace | 3 | 1 |
| Karakuchi | 3 | 1 |
| Thai One On | 3 | 1 |
| MHS Peers | 3 | 1 |
| Kimoichi | 2 | 2 |
| Off Twice | 2 | 2 |
| MHS Oakies | 2 | 3 |
| MHS 67 Doh-Fins | 0 | 4 |
| Champ-On | 0 | 4 |
| MHS Serves Up! | 0 | 4 |

## 3 TEAMS

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The winning squad is composed of captain Laura Williams, Brenda and Madison Schultz, Toi Smith, Becca Newman, Francine Sablan, Tomoko Kawakata, Rebekah Yost, Lisa Laniyo, and Anna Manibusan.

The losing Team 3 has Elizabeth Henke as team captain. Joining her on Team 3 are Vanessa Pritchard, Tawny Barcinas, Becky Covarrubias, Gayle Martin, Marya Oestreich, Amber Roberts, Patty Coleman, Katie Busenkell, and Ciara Ada.

Team 5 and 6 played in the last game with the former escaping with a 2-1 triumph.

Team 5's roster include captain Janel Villegas, Jojie Vallo, Bayarmaa O'Connor, Omdi Marino, Lakell Villegas, Linda Anastacio, Divya Sharma, Zoe Jewell, Asia Michaleum, and Katie Peters.

Team 6 is composed of captain Natalie Hill, Melody Matson, Jen Backhaus, Jenny Linden, Sami Birmingham-Babauta, Joelyn Saures, Kathy Pagapular, Angie Mister, Carol Auther, and Briana Martin.

Games in this year's futsal league are played every Saturday.

This weekend Team 6 will duel Team 3 at 8:30am, Team 4 will collide with Team 1 at 9:30am, and Team 5 will face Team 2 in the last match at 10:30am.

Meanwhile, league organizer said they are still looking for sponsors for three teams. Donation from sponsors will be used for the teams' uniforms.

So far, the league has only three sponsors in Wild Bills, Law Offices of Matt Smith, and Marine Tech International.

For more information about the league, contact Williams at 483-9453 or 323-9453 or via email at laurawilliams7@gmail.com or Davis at lindsayfrombigsky@gmail.com.

## SAN MIG

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games in the PILCOWA-SMB caging will be played three times a week, every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

There will be two games each playing day with the first match every Thursday starting at 7pm. Games during weekends will begin early.

Muleta added the caging will have a round-robin format with the No. 1 team gaining the pennant and an automatic slot to the semifinals.

The six remaining teams will battle for the last three semis tickets.

Before the playoffs, the league will host an All-Star game, while at the conclusion of the inaugural league, organizers will recognize the league's MVP and Finals MVP, members of the mythical five, and the players who will top the rebounds, assists, steals, 3-pointers, and scoring departments.

PILCOWA officials and league organizers thanked San Miguel Beer and PTC for sponsoring the inaugural caging which aims to promote a healthy lifestyle in the community through the sport of basketball.

The group also thanked the following for providing assistance to the league: Tan Holdings, Century Insurance, Athlete's Foot, Carpet Masters, Dental Care, Elite Printing, Guangdong Hardware, Inkbox, National Office Supply, Sherwin Williams, Tony Romas, Western Union, and Gold's Gym.

# The Week in Sports

# Visitors brighten up sports community

Far left, Oceania Badminton Confederation regional development manager Tony Mordaunt, right, joins NMBF coaches, who took an introductory course last week , in the presentation of certificates last Saturday in Navy Hill.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Hiroyuki Abe, standing sixth from left, poses with teammates as well as Saipan and Guam ping-pong players before boarding a flight to Tinian Friday at the domestic airport.

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The CNMI sports community was greeted by bad news at the start of the week, but the succeeding days brought good fortunes for the Commonwealth with the arrival of off-island athletes and sports officials.

Michael White, president of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, returned to Saipan after attending a meeting in Rarotonga, Cook Islands and delivered the bad news: The Pacific Games Council decided to uphold the eligibility rules implemented in the 2007 South Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa allowing only U.S. citizens or citizens of the islands/nations they are representing to compete in the 2009 South Pacific Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

Following White's announcement, CNMI tennis coach Jeff Race said they will be skipping next year's Mini Games, as two of their players are affected by the eligibility rules.

Badminton is not included in the calendar of events in next year's Mini Games, but Oceania Badminton Confederation regional development manager Tony Mordaunt is hoping that once the sport makes the list, the CNMI will have qualified coaches and athletes for the event.

Mordaunt conducted a series of coaching clinic last week and toured various schools on Saipan to teach the basics of the sport.

He held an introductory course for coaches at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and awarded certificates to 12 qualified ones at the conclusion of the seminar last Saturday.

FIBA Oceania officials Steve and Judy Smith was also on island to conduct a seminar.

Steve is FIBA Oceania's secretary general, while Judy is the zone's administrative officer.

The two officials taught BANMI volunteers how to use the FIBA Organizer, FIBA Live Stats Program and the FIBA Oceania Website, which the CNMI will be needing when it hosts the 2009 Oceania Tournament in June.

The Smiths also met with officials from both the private and public schools on Saipan to reiterate the importance of the development of basketball in the interscholastic level.

They also inspected venues and hotels which will be used for the Oceania tournament next year.

CNMI's next visitor was Asian Football Confederation instructor Jose Ariston Padre Caslib of the Philippines.

Caslib started an eight-day introductory coaching course last Thursday at NMIFA Office located at the third floor of the TSL Plaza in Garapan. The coaching course will conclude on Oct. 16 and will cover theoretical and practical sessions.

The theoretical sessions will discuss planning a coaching session, coaching method and learning process through video skills training, age group training 1 and 2, nutrition and hydration, laws of the game, and course review.

The practical part will have coaches learning about warming up and cooling down exercises, coordination/ball feeling/dribbling, passing 1 and 2, ball control, shooting, defending play, attacking play, and basic goalkeeping.

The course will help local coaches/teachers for the upcoming interscholastic and youth leagues.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

FIBA Oceania officials Steve and Judy Smith conduct a seminar to prepare BANMI volunteers for the 2009 Oceania Basketball Tournament.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Asian Football Confederation instructor Jose Ariston Padre Caslib of the Philippines gestures during the first day of the introductory course he is conducting on Saipan.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Jericho Cruz of the CNMI Nationals is ganged up by Suns defenders during their game in the Rotary caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Joe Ada of the Sixers drives against a Kontenders defender during their game in the Rotary caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

A Whispering Palms player prepares to serve in one of their games last week in the private school volleyball league.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Champ-on's Edwin Paasian returns the ball, while teammate Gin Gridley looks on during their game against Kimoichi in the 4-person beach volleyball league Thursday night at the PIC sand court.

Next on the list were the Japanese ping-pong players.

Asian Games gold medalist and World Championship bronze medal winner Hiroyuki Abe, along with 10 other Japanese ping-pong players, arrived in the CNMI Thursday to take part in the Large Ball Ping-Pong Tournament on Tinian.

While visiting athletes, officials, and coaches shared their expertise to local talents, our athletes continued to show their wares in various tournaments.

Team Brotherhood won their first ever pennant by beating Man Amigos, 9-1, in the 2008 Belau Amateur Softball Association Slow-pitch League.

Acme Roofing continued to lead the 2008 Miller Lite Four-Person Beach Volleyball League as it is unbeaten in five games at the Pacific Islands Club sand court.

The San Antonio Sixers and the CNMI Junior Nationals are also undefeated in the Rotary caging and will be battling for the pennant this week.

Grace Christian Academy is unbeaten no more after Whispering Palms handed the Eagles their first loss in 10 games in the middle school division of the 2008 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League.

**Visitors brighten up sports community**

The CNMI sports community was greeted by bad news at the start of the week, but the succeeding days brought good fortunes for the Commonwealth with the arrival of off-island athletes and sports officials. 27

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**Rays slip past Red Sox to even series**

B.J. Upton and the Tampa Bay Rays won a game of home run derby with a shallow fly ball. Pinch-runner Fernando Perez dashed home on Upton's sacrifice fly in the 11th inning. 25



# 3 teams debut with wins in futsal league

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Three teams started their campaign in the 2008 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League on winning notes downing separate rivals Saturday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Team 1 began the hostilities in the inaugural women's futsal league and edged Team 2, 4-3.

Team 1 is captained by Jamie Beavis. Other members of the team are Fedora Camacho, Mel Borja, Maria Ornes, Connie Camacho, Nola Hix, Veronica Saures, Catherine Anderson, Lindsay Davis, and Chirapan McGuire.

Krista Hawley is the team captain of Team 2, which is composed of Reyna Saures, Amanda Armstrong, Nikki Gabaldon, Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, Toi Punperm, Noi Horey, Chantelle Voutilainen, Jocelyn Saures, and Carrie Knight.

Team 1 and 2 played in two 30-minute halves using the whole NMC gym basketball court, which has one goal each at the baseline.

Team 4 posted similar 4-3 victory against Team 3.

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Team 5's Zoe Jewell, center, dribbles against Team 6 defenders during their game in the 2008 NMIFA Women's Futsal League last Saturday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

# San Mig caging kicks off

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The Inaugural San Miguel Beer Basketball League opened yesterday at the CIC Basketball Court in Garapan.

The league organized by the Pilipino Contract Workers Association, Inc. started with the traditional parade of participating teams, and had PILCOWA, Inc. officials and representatives delivering message for players and spectators in the inaugural event.

Seven teams are competing for this year's championship. The list include Century Insurance, AON Insurance, C&R Distributors, Diamond Auto Care, MIGS, Olivos, and Pacific Trading Corporation.

Century Insurance and AON Insurance played in the first game in the league, but results of the match were unavailable at press time.

PILCOWA president Ronnie Doca and Jun Concillado were present at the opening, leading the ceremonial toss between AON and Century.

League coordinator Fando Muleta said

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Members of AON Insurance, top, and Century Insurance teams pose for a group photo before they play in the first game of the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League yesterday at the CIC Basketball Court in Garapan.

# Japanese rule Large Ball Ping-Pong Tournament

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The visiting Japanese players dominated the Large Ball Ping-Pong Tournament held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino Friday night.

Based on the partial results provided to the *Saipan Tribune*, the Sumio Yamamoto-led squad won the one-day team event and the Horoyuki Abe-anchored team placed third. Saipan finished second.

Official scores were unavailable at press time.

Yamamoto and Abe were among the 10 Japanese who arrived on Saipan Friday afternoon to compete in the tournament on Tinian. Joining them were Kimiko Koike, Kimiko Konishi, Masayuki Murai, Yasuko Murai, Junko Kahamura, Akita Kyoko, Mitsuko Yamaguchi, Terumi Morino, and Takashi Sawada.

Abe was an Asian Games gold medalist and won a bronze medal in the World Championship. He and partner Seiji Ono claimed the gold medal in the doubles event in the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi, India. In 1983, the 53-year old Japanese teamed up anew with Ono and they notched a bronze medal in the World Championship in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Abe won these medals when he played with the regular ping-pong ball. As he grows older, he shifted to large ball ping-pong and won several tournaments in Japan.

A Large Ball tournament uses a 44mm ball which slows down the game significantly. This has seen some acceptance by players who have a hard time with the extreme spins and speeds of the 40 mm ball.

Yamamoto is also a household name in Japan as far as table tennis is concerned. He was once the No.1 tennis player in high school and a frequent competitor in various Japan-wide tournaments.

On Tinian, the Japanese formed their own team with three members each and squared off with Saipan, Guam, and Tinian ping-pong players.

Saipan, Guam, and Tinian bets stayed at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino until yesterday for the 10th Annual Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament.

Budhi Gurung, Jean Shi, and Su Yong Dong represented Saipan in the weekend tournament, while Guam had a lone player in table tennis instructor Hisamitsu Hamamoto.

Tinian had Mark Ma, Charlie Cheng, and brothers Robin and Luke Lu.

Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association organized the Large Ball tournament and the goodwill meet.